

President's Report

Erika Sklar, MAHU President

I am very excited and honored to be your 2019-2020 MAHU president. I have already hit the ground running since July by attending our National Conference and Region III meeting. It was great to meet such wonderful agents and carrier representatives from other states. Such devoted leaders that care about our industry. Other states face some of the same challenges in our industry, and I will be reaching out to them for ideas.



We held our State strategic planning session to determine our goals for the upcoming year. Our back to basics plan is focusing on Membership, Legislative Focus and Chapter support. Membership is very important this year. Our members can speak with one voice at the state level as well in Washington. That is why it is so important to spread the word about NAHU. We are still determining our state legislative focus as the legislators come back from break. We will also help with chapter support. There are some new faces in leadership roles throughout the four chapters with fantastic ideas! The state is hoping to bring some operational consistencies, so chapters don't have to "reinvent the wheel" every year.

We already held our annual event called CE CON. A CE convention in Lansing to serve agents in the area. Thank you to all our sponsors for a great event!

I have an amazing board and we are ready to tackle our plan! Have a safe Labor Day!

Erika Sklar, President

Legislative Update

Cathy Cooper & Marlayna Malvich
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At the federal level, after the House of Representatives passed H.R. 748 to repeal the Cadillac Tax with an overwhelming majority of 419 to 6, the Senate has yet to take action on the issue. Both Michigan Senators Stabenow and Peters have co-sponsored similar legislation to repeal the tax.

The Trump administration also released guidance on the importation of pharmaceutical drugs from Canada. How that guidance will be enforced or whether it has any impact on drug prices is still being examined by federal agencies.

Surprise Billing legislation continues at both the state and the federal level. Competing bills S 1895 and 1531 differ on including the use of arbitration to settle payment disputes between insurance companies and out of network providers. At the state level, HB 4459 and 4460 address surprise by requiring providers to notify patients if they are out of network prior to a scheduled procedure and allow for reimbursement based on an enhanced Medicare rate when services are provided by an out of network provider in an emergency or without patient consent. With continued inaction in Congress on the issue, state passage of HB 4459 and 4460 will be part of MAHU's legislation agenda this fall.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT MEDICARE PLAN FINDER UPDATE AND MEDICARE BLUE BUTTON 2.0

Dear Members

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We represent our local chapters, clients, the insureds, and work to make health insurance more affordable and accessible for our state's residents. By educating our elected officials, we strive to avoid unnecessary legislation and the unintended consequences that often follows increased governmental involvement.