

President's Report

Erika Sklar, MAHU President

Well it's here... 4th quarter. It's funny how my husband asks me the same question every year; "Are you busy?". I give him my look, no words, just the look. He knows.... Be sure to check out all the resources on the NAHU website to help you through the 4th quarter. There are solutions for technology, professional development, business services and client management. Log in, click membership, then scroll down to member benefits. You will see the resources offered to members. What a great value with membership!



I am never too busy to start thinking about CAP CON 2020 in Washington DC, February 24-26th. Early registration is now open. This event inspires me every year. It is a chance to be part of important changes. It is a chance to make a difference. To speak with one voice. I admit my first CAP CON was a little intimidating and filled with anxiety when I walked past the Capital building to meet with a Congressman and tell my story. I ended up having the most amazing experience! Being a NAHU member gave me a voice. Next year is very important, so register early and save. Come join other NAHU colleagues from every part of the United States.

Warmest Regards,

Erika Sklar, President

Legislative Update

Cathy Cooper & Marlayna Malvich
MAHU Legislative Chairs
Ryan Burtka, MAHU Lobbyist



Surprise Billing (HB 4459 and 4460) received a hearing in the House Health Policy Committee. MAHU testified in support of the bills as amended. HB 4559 protects patients from surprise medical bills by requiring an out of network provider to accept the greater of the plan's average payment for that service for a contracted provider OR 150% of the Medicare rate for that service.



<https://mirsnews.com/bills/details/39229>. HB 4460 requires non-participating providers to provide written disclosure of estimated cost and participation status when there is time for advance notice. This allows the patient to be able to make an informed choice. <https://mirsnews.com/bills/details/39230> There were many interested parties there to testify. The main opposition is MSMS (Michigan State Medical Society) who believes network standards could be diminished if this passes and that the reimbursement proposed is not sufficient. We expect the bill to be voted on in committee shortly.

New MAHU Members



Otto Alcon
Sean Burchardt
Gordon Chamberlain
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Deborah Deakin
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Capitol Conference 2020 will be held February 24-26 at the Hyatt Regency on Capitol Hill.

This is a unique and inspiring meeting every year but we think you will agree that this year may be a game-changer. Be a part of helping those important changes happen and join your NAHU colleagues from every part of the country as we gather in our nation's capital and make a difference in the health-reform debate.

We look forward to record attendance. The conference will be one of the most important ever, so please register early and be ready for an experience you won't forget. [Learn More](#)



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