
KANSAS CITY MEDICAL SOCIETY

MEMBER CONNECTIONS

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Just Two Weeks Left! Submit a KCMS Award Nomination

Do you know a Kansas City-area physician or supporter of medicine who deserves recognition for their accomplishments? You have just two weeks to nominate them for a KCMS award. [Learn more about the awards and submit a nomination.](#)

Besides the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Friend of Medicine Award, there are four Member Awards: Rising Star Award, Patient and Community Advocate Award, Community Service Award and Innovation Award. [See a video of our 2020 Patient and Community Advocate Award honorees, Leland Graves, III, MD, and Peter DiPasco, MD of KU Medical Center.](#) Time is running short! We look forward to your nominations! [Nominate now](#)



Medicaid Expansion Placed on August 4 Missouri Ballot

Missouri Gov. Mike Parson this week announced that the Medicaid expansion constitutional amendment initiative will appear on the August 4 ballot. That gives expansion advocates, led by [Healthcare for Missouri](#) and including KCMS and the KCMS Foundation, just two months to campaign on behalf of this measure. **Your support is needed.** We are compiling a list of physicians who support Medicaid expansion. This list will appear on our website and in media advertising. [Please add your name to our Medicaid expansion supporter list.](#) Watch for further announcements of campaign activities!

KCMS Annual Meeting Set for October 21 at Arrowhead

Physicians and partners will bask in the glow of the Chiefs' historic Super Bowl victory as the Wednesday, October 21, 2020, Annual Meeting will be held at Arrowhead Stadium. On the program will be a panel of mayors from across the region discussing health care in Kansas City:



- Quinton Lucas, Kansas City, Mo.
- Peggy Dunn, Leawood
- Eileen Weir, Independence
- David Alvey, Unified Government of Wyandotte County and Kansas City, Kan.

Moderator will be Bridget McCandless, MD, MBA, KCMS past president and former CEO of the Health Forward Foundation. The meeting will be held by Zoom if COVID-19 conditions necessitate. Watch for further announcements. Also at the

meeting, KCMS awards will be presented. [Learn more about the awards and submit a nomination.](#)

Legislatures Complete Sessions

Sessions of the Missouri and Kansas legislatures, earlier interrupted by COVID-19, ended in a flurry last week with the passage of several large omnibus bills. In Kansas, one bill included legislation on liability protections for health care providers, a priority issue after a 2019 court decision (Hilburn) eliminated the cap on non-economic damages. The Kansas Medical Society advocated for this legislation and is hopeful that Gov. Laura Kelly signs it.

In Missouri, legislation passed includes:

- Increasing the burden of proof on attorneys to justify punitive damages
- Requiring insurance companies to reimburse physicians for services provided while their credential applications are pending
- Easing standards in applications for license reciprocity
- Requiring the state to pay for COVID-19 testing for patients whose insurers won't cover it.

On the negative side, the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program again failed, leaving Missouri the only state without one, and the legislators voted to repeal the motorcycle helmet law.

You can help by calling the office of Gov. Kelly, 785-296-3232, to encourage her to support the liability protection bill, and the office of Gov. Parson, 573-751-3222, to encourage him to veto motorcycle helmet repeal. For more information, visit <https://www.kmsonline.org/> and <https://www.msma.org/legislative-report.html>

Member Poll

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