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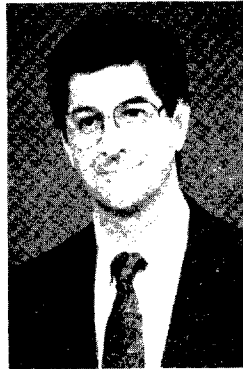
Kansas Medical Group Management Association

Summer 1993

## *From the President's Desk*

*by Douglas W. Bowen*

During July, Doug Kaufman and I attended the Southern Section Meeting at the Walt Disney World Dolphin Hotel in Orlando. This was a rather informative meeting and I will recap several of the key events here.



In a general session, Joe Calloway, gave an address entitled "Quality means People". Joe has consulted with many companies regarding organizational culture and the corporate climate. His whole talk boiled down to the fact that we must be flexible and we need to make sure our employees feel like they are apart of the team and not merely outsiders.

Randy Teach, who is employed by MGMA as a legislative liaison, conducted a breakout session concerning legislative issues. In his opinion, there will be little change from the Clinton proposal because President Clinton, has neither the popular support nor the congressional support to push his proposals through Congress.

During the business portion of the meeting, Ron Bare was reelected president of the Southern Section of MGMA. All of our letter writing has paid off for Darrell McCool who was elected 2nd Vice President. In addition, the Section appointed Teresa Garrison, President of Missouri MGMA, to coordinate and gather information from each of the states in the southern section regarding legislative issues. MGMA reported that they will be working closely with the AMA regarding group practice surveys which will present a more united front to Congress.

Our state meeting will be October 21-22 at the

Marriott in Wichita. Our program will focus on the political climate in Kansas and the nation. Some of the speakers will be Dr. William Roy from Topeka and Senator Sandy Praeger from Lawrence. We have extended an invitation to Senator Kassebaum but have not received a response. Our evening banquet will be at the Marriott and the entertainment will be provided by the Wichita Music Theater. I hope that you will plan to attend.

We will be providing committee sign up forms in your meeting registration packet. Please take a moment and review the committees, then return your completed form with your registration. If you are unable to attend the state meeting, please forward your committee preference to Barbara Hanzlieck.

## *A Note From The Editor*

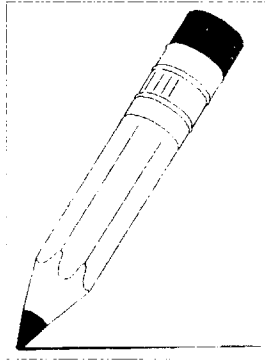
*by Meg Payne*



As you open your newsletter, you will note a change. We have decided to provide you with changes to the directory. Many of you have asked for these changes; deletions and new members. I hope that this type of information will keep you current. There are a few notes regarding the upcoming conference. Please read carefully.

Your suggestions and comments are always welcome.

See you in October!



## Mark Your Calendars

HCA Wesley Medical Center sponsors the following seminars. Contact Physician Consulting and Practice Support (316) 688-7002 for more information on time and place.

Sept. 15, 1993  
Successful Practice Manager  
HCA Wesley

Oct. 20, 1993  
How To Be The Best Receptionist  
HCA Wesley

NOV. 16, 1993  
CPT & ICD-9 Coding  
1994 BC/BS Policy Changes  
HCA Wesley

## Membership Committee

by Fred Vance, FACMGA

Please continue to encourage membership in our organization. I have new member application forms available. Please have all interested persons call myself at 913-233-5101 ext. 337 or a committee member for information or forms. Also, if you have any super ideas on membership or would like to join our committee, please let me know!!!

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF MEDICAL GROUP ADMINISTRATORS...

by Fred Vance, FACMGA

A special informal discussion on the American College of Medical Group Administrators (ACMGA) was

presented to approximately 8 members the evening before the Spring Conference in Overland Park. Subjects discussed included general eligibility to join the College, advantages of membership, advancement from Nominee to Candidate to Fellow, sample test questions, professional paper requirements, and methods for test preparation. Several members indicated interest and requested the possibility of having national ACMGA members from the Denver office present a formal tutorial prior to the Fall Conference.

I followed up with a phone call in May to Ann Vaughn with the College to discuss tutorial arrangements. She advised that the entire month of October is blocked out each year for MGMA annual conference activities, and therefore, we would be unable to have a presentation at our Fall Conference this year. However, we might be able to put something together at the Spring Conference. She also provided that an estimate of costs is about \$95 per attendee for the day long tutorial and there might be a minimum number required for attendance. Details will follow later...

## Just for Fun

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## ***KMGMA Works to Change SRS Policy***

*Submitted by Michael Samms, Insurance Committee*

The Executive Committee has endorsed a recommendation of the Insurance Committee to start a letter writing campaign to address a recent SRS policy regarding Medicaid refunds. The new policy eliminates voluntary refunding by providers. Previously, a provider could identify the need to refund an overpayment and could write a check to the SRS. Currently, SRS has ordered EDS to do an offset on future remits instead of accepting checks from providers. This offset causes problems for providers when trying to apply payments since balancing becomes a problem. Questions are raised, when providers have audits performed, since adjustments may take the place of payments on patients' accounts. NOTE: This is an SRS policy change and not an EDS policy. The letters should address the need for SRS to change their policy.

After visiting with SRS officials, it appears the best person to write and express concern is:

Commissioner Robert Epps  
Division of Income Support and Medical Services  
Docking State Office Building  
Room 628 South  
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1570

If you have questions, please contact Michael Samms, Chairman-Insurance Committee.



## ***New KMGMA Members***

Jerry Andre, Executive Director  
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Olathe, OB-GYN  
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Olathe, KS 66061

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Junction City, KS 66441

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Melanie Stucky, Office Manager  
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## *Database information update*

If your database information has changed, please complete this form and send it to Lee Koon.

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