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Lewis Auerbach, M.D. Receives Chairman's Recognition Award

Lewis Auerbach, M.D. was presented with the Chairman's Recognition Award at the February Board of Medicine Meeting in Tampa. The award was presented for Dr. Auerbach for his leadership in the medical community, his service on hospital committees and for providing service to Hillsborough County residents for over 20 years.

Consumer Alert - Compliance Services

The Florida Attorney General is warning new Florida business entities about solicitations from Compliance Services. Compliance Services has been soliciting Florida businesses implying that those businesses must submit their corporate minutes and \$125 to Compliance Services' Tallahassee address. Florida business entities do need to file their annual reports with the Florida Department State by May 1, 2009.

Costs Of Reproducing Medical Records

The Board of Medicine's amended rule on the costs of reproducing medical records went into effect on March 9, 2009. Under the amended rule, the reasonable costs for reproducing written or typed documents for patients and government entities cannot exceed \$1 per page for the first 25 pages and 25 cents per page for each page in excess of 25 pages. For all other entities, the reasonable cost of reproducing written or typed documents cannot exceed \$1 per page. The Board of Medicine urges physicians to provide their patients copies of their records without cost, particularly when the patient is "economically disadvantaged."

Wall-Mart To Offer EMR

According to UPI, Wal-Mart is joining forces with Dell Inc. and eClinicalWorks to launch an electronic health records package for use by doctors. The program will be offered through the Sam's Club division.

Notify Your Board Before Moving Your Practice

From the Board of Medicine's Top 10 Laws and Rules Every Physician Should Know, Number 2, Before you move to a new practice, notify the Board. The Board warns physicians that failing to keep their address current may result in difficulty renewing their licenses and even lead to a physician practicing on an expired license. Physicians that practice on an expired license are committing a criminal offense.