



## **WHAT IF THERE WERE NO MEDICAL SOCIETY**

**If there were no Medical Society:**

- **United Healthcare/Oxford would be charging network physicians \$50.00 for each patient that was referred to laboratory providers other than the sole laboratory chosen by the company.**
- **Aetna would still be paying certain out-of-network providers, limited to hospital, emergency, approved out-of-network consultants, at 125% of Medicare rather than the providers billed charges.**
- **Aetna would not have been ordered to directly pay the affected providers' billed charges, in reparation, for certain services rendered out-of-network.**
- **Aetna would not have been fined \$9,457,500, one of the largest DOBI has ever levied against a healthcare company.**
- **Patient's insurance coverage would be linked to the Medicare fee schedule when the patient saw an out-of-network physician.**
- **Aetna patients would not be covered for anesthesia during colonoscopies.**
- **One room Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) would have been mandated to be licensed and, thus, taxed on gross revenues.**
- **You would have no representation in Trenton.**
- **You would be paying a 2% tax on your gross income to the state of New Jersey.**
- **A complaint would not have been filed against Aetna and Cigna over fees based on the (flawed) Ingenix Database.**
- **All patient complaints would go directly to the State Board of Medical Examiners, rather than to your County Medical Society.**
- **You would not receive timely information pertaining to you and your practice, including Medicare Alerts.**
- **You would not have the opportunity to meet one on one with your local legislators.**

**The financial foundation and influence of any organization is strongly related to its membership. Think of your membership as an investment in your profession. Please take a few moments and complete the attached application for membership in your county and state medical society.**

**In an effort to increase membership and lower dues at the same time, we now have a 2 for 1 membership available. Please see the attached flier for more information.**

**NUMBERS MATTER ...  
EACH MEMBERSHIP ADDS TO OUR INFLUENCE IN TRENTON!**

**For more information, please contact the Union County Medical Society at:  
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