



2026 ANNUAL MCSSA *Conference*



Vital Signs:

Assessing The State of Medical Care

**SEPTEMBER 14TH - 16TH
BAVARIAN INN - FRANKENMUTH, MICHIGAN
1 COVERED BRIDGE LANE, FRANKENMUTH, MI**



Register today!
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DEAR MCSSA MEMBER,

WE ARE PLEASED TO INVITE YOU TO THE 2026 MCSSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE, TAKING PLACE SEPTEMBER 14 – 16 AT THE BAVARIAN INN LOCATED IN FRANKENMUTH, MICHIGAN!

THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE THEME, "**VITAL SIGNS: ASSESSING THE STATE OF MEDICAL CARE,**" FOCUSES ON EXAMINING THE SYSTEMS, SAFEGUARDS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES THAT SHAPE MEDICAL CARE ACROSS MICHIGAN. JUST AS VITAL SIGNS PROVIDE INSIGHT INTO A PATIENT'S CONDITION, WE WILL EVALUATE THE STRENGTH, STABILITY, AND COORDINATION OF OUR CARE SYSTEMS. THROUGH DISCUSSIONS ON LONG-TERM CARE, GUARDIANSHIP, WORKFORCE CHALLENGES, AND OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES, WE WILL ALSO IDENTIFY AREAS OF PROGRESS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT. TOGETHER, LETS MONITOR MICHIGAN'S MEDICAL CLIMATE AND DIAGNOSE THE GAPS.

THE AGENDA FEATURES A MIX OF ENGAGING SPEAKERS, IN-DEPTH BREAKOUT SESSIONS, AND PLENTY OF TIME TO CONNECT WITH PEERS AND PARTNERS FROM ACROSS THE STATE. WHETHER YOU'RE FOCUSED ON FRONTLINE SERVICES OR BOARD GOVERNANCE, THIS EVENT IS DESIGNED TO EQUIP YOU WITH RELEVANT INSIGHTS AND TOOLS TO UNDERSTAND THE MEDICAL CARE SYSTEM IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- **EARLY HOTEL CHECK-IN:** SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 AT SPECIAL CONFERENCE RATES
- **WELCOME RECEPTION:** MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 5:00–6:00 PM, SPONSORED BY THE FREDERICK GROUP
- **PRESIDENT'S BANQUET:** A CELEBRATORY EVENING OF RECOGNITION AND ENTERTAINMENT (TUESDAY)
- **PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE:** PLEASE JOIN US IN DONATING ITEMS FOR SUPPORT THE 1%, VETERANS FOOD PANTRY
- **SILENT AUCTION:** SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND WHILE BIDDING ON DONATED ITEMS FROM COUNTIES ACROSS OUR STATE

ADDITIONAL AGENDA DETAILS, SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND SESSION PREVIEWS WILL BE SHARED SOON. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO REGISTER EARLY AND TAKE PART IN THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE AS WE STRENGTHEN OUR COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TO CARE AND ADVOCACY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN FRANKENMUTH THIS SEPTEMBER.

WARM REGARDS



MANUEL CORDOVA, SHRM-SCP
PRESIDENT, MCSSA



REBECCA PASKO
VICE PRESIDENT, MCSSA

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Michigan Medicaid Changes, Medicare Advantage, Estate Recovery & Medical Debt, Medication Management & Safety, Recipient Rights, Guardianship/Conservative Guardianship, Loneliness and Social Isolation, Medication Management, Medical Nutrition, and more!

A welcome reception will be held on Monday evening from 5:00 – 6:00 pm.

SPONSORED & HOSTED BY: THE FREDERICK GROUP

PRESIDENT'S DONATION CHALLENGE

Each year, we select a local organization in our host community to support through donations.

This year, we are proud to partner with:

**SUPPORT THE 1% - VETERANS FOOD PANTRY
FRANKENMUTH, MICHIGAN**

SILENT AUCTION

We are also continuing our tradition of hosting a Silent Auction to support the MCSSCET Scholarship Fund. Your contributions make this fundraiser a success. Please consider donating an item to be included in this year's auction.

More details are included in the registration packet below.



**REQUESTED DONATIONS FOR
"I SUPPORT THE 1%" - VETERANS
FOOD PANTRY
FRANKENMUTH, MICHIGAN**

The goal of "I Support the 1%" is to establish a funding source to support a year-round food pantry just for military personnel.

Many are homeless and are tortured by memories of the battles they were in, and have difficulty readjusting to civilian life. Others find it difficult to reconcile their dual existence: military at times, civilian at times. Yet, just one donation can make a difference in their lives.



PREFERRED DONATION ITEMS

Regular Ground Coffee (No Decaf)

Small Canned Chicken

Canned Stew

Canned Potatoes

Peanut Butter

Sweetened Cereal

Pancakes mix - with NO Egg or Butter Requirement

Pancake Syrup

Laundry Detergent





TENTATIVE

2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Monday, September 14, 2026

9:00-11:00 am - Registration

9:30-11:00 am - New Member
Orientation

11:00-11:10 am - Welcome –
President Manuel Cordova

11:10-12:00 pm - Speaker - TBA

12:00-1:00 pm - Lunch

1:00-3:00 pm - Speaker - TBA

3:00-3:15 pm - Refreshment Break

3:15-4:00 pm - Annual Meeting

4:00-5:00 pm - District Meetings

Closing of 1st day - Manuel Cordova

5:00-6:00 PM - WELCOME

RECEPTION - Sponsored & Hosted
by The Frederick Group

Evening - Dinner on your own

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

7:30-8:30 am - Registration and
Breakfast

8:30-10:15 am - Speaker TBA,

10:15-10:30 am - Refreshment
Break

10:30-12:30 pm - Speaker - TBA

12:30-1:30 pm - Lunch

1:30-3:30 pm - Speaker - TBA

3:30-3:45 pm - Refreshment break

3:45-4:45 pm - Speaker - TBA

4:45-6:00 pm - Mix & Mingle - cash bar

6:00-9:00 pm – President’s Banquet
& Award Ceremony

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

7:30-8:30 am - Registration and
Breakfast

8:30-9:45 am - Speaker - TBA

9:45-10:30 am - Judy Adams - 1% for
Veterans

10:30-10:45 am - Refreshment Break

10:45-11:30 am - Speaker - TBA

11:30-12:00 pm - President Manuel
Cordova closing remarks & Conference
Conclusion

MCSSCET SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER SILENT AUCTION

The silent auction has become a favorite tradition at the conference, giving members a fun opportunity to shop for gifts while supporting the MCSSA Scholarship Fund. Thanks to your generosity, more than \$50,000 in scholarships has been awarded over the years to students pursuing education in human services and Medical Care Facility-related fields.

The Scholarship Selection Committee asks each county and/or individual member to donate at least one item for the auction. Please bring donated items directly to the conference and do not send them to the MCSSA office. **To help ensure a positive experience for all participants, we kindly request that all donated items be in mint or near-mint condition – new, or clean, well-maintained, and gently used.**

The silent auction will run throughout the conference in the meeting space. Winning bidders must pay for and pick up their items after bidding closes on Wednesday before departing the conference.

Please notify the MCSSA office of your donation(s) by September 5, 2026, by calling 517-371-5303 or emailing . Be sure to include a detailed description of the item(s). Past donations have included resort or bed-and-breakfast stays, handcrafted items, gift certificates, and more – all contributions are appreciated.

There are several ways to support the scholarship fund at the annual conference:

- Donate an item to the silent auction
- Participate in the 50/50 raffle
- Contribute through the donation section of your conference registration form

Donations made before June 30th will count toward your county's goal for the Michigan 83 County MCSSA Scholarship Fund Challenge.

Thank you for your continued support!



The Bavarian Inn Reservation Instructions

The Bavarian Inn has reserved a block of rooms for MCSSA/MCSSCET conference attendees. To book your room, please call the hotel directly at 989-652-7200.

The conference rate is \$106.00 per night, plus applicable taxes and fees. Total will be reimbursement.

To receive the tax-exempt rate, please provide the form included at the end of this packet when making your reservation.

Check-in begins at 4:00 PM and check-out is at 11:00 AM.

The room block is available until August 14, 2026.

Be sure to mention you are reserving for the MCSSA/MCSSCET Conference.

MEAL MENU



MONDAY

Refreshment Break – Pretzel Bar

Soft Pretzels with Cheddar Ale Sauce and Mustard

Lunch – Taco Buffet

Seasoned Ground Beef and Grilled Chicken Breast, Hard and Soft Shells, Tortilla Chips, Mexican Rice, Black Beans, Quesadilla Cheese Blend, Onions, Tomatoes, Salsa, Lettuce, Black Olives, Jalapeños, Guacamole, Sour Cream

Served with coffee, tea, milk, water, soda, and chef selected dessert

Dinner - On Your Own

TUESDAY

Breakfast Buffet – Traditional Breakfast

Seasonal Fruit Display, Fresh Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Bacon, American Fries & Assorted Muffins

Served with assorted chilled juices, coffee, milk and tea

Refreshment Break – Cider & Donuts

Chilled Apple Cider, Apple Fritters, Cinnamon Twists, Glazed Sour Cream and Cinnamon Bun Donuts

Lunch – Build Your Own Burger Buffet

¼ lb. Seasoned and Grilled Burger Patties, Freshly Baked Buns, Cheddar and Swiss cheese, Lettuce, Tomato Slices, Pickle Chips, Onions, Assorted Great Lakes Potato Chips, Bavarian Inn Creamy Coleslaw

Served with coffee, tea, milk, water, soda and chef selected dessert

Refreshment Break – Chef Attended Chocolate Fountain

Served with Strawberries, Pineapple, Marshmallows, Pretzels, Cream Puffs and Rice Krispie Treats



PRESIDENT'S BANQUET

Dinner – Frankenmuth Chicken & Roast Beef Buffet

Famous Frankenmuth Bavarian Inn Chicken, Carved Herb Roasted Beef, Bavarian Inn Dressing, Bavarian Inn Buttered Noodles, Whipped Potatoes and Gravy, Green Bean Almondine, Maple Glazed Baby Carrots, Lodge Salad

Served with fresh baked dinner rolls, coffee, tea, milk, water, and soda



WEDNESDAY

Breakfast Buffet – Traditional Breakfast

Seasonal Fruit Display, Fresh Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Links, Bacon, Hash Brown Patties & Assorted Danish

Served with assorted chilled juices, coffee, milk and tea

Refreshment Break – Fresh Popcorn

Popped Buttered Popcorn Served In Bowls



VITAL SIGNS



2026 MCSSA/MCSCET Annual Conference & Business Meeting Registration

September 14-16, 2026

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY AUGUST 30, 2026

County(ies) being represented: _____

Name: _____

Position: _____

Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Guest's Name: _____

Special Meal Accommodations: *i.e. gluten, lactose, vegan.....* _____

Allergies: _____

Type of membership (check one):

Board member _____ MDHHS _____ Life member _____

RSVP for President's Banquet: *Includes a guest at no extra cost*

YES: _____ NO: _____ PLUS ONE: Y/N?: _____ NAME: _____

FULL REGISTRATION FEE:

The full conference registration fee includes all sessions, the business meeting, meals on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, the President's Banquet (includes a guest at no extra cost), and all refreshments. Registration does not need to be sent alongside payment.

- Early Bird Rate (June 1 – June 30):
 - \$300 members
 - \$325 non-members
- Standard Rate (July 1 – August 15):
 - \$325 members
 - \$350 non-members
- Late Rate (August 16 – August 30):
 - \$360 members
 - \$385 non-members
- Spouse/guest of a member: \$200
- Active Life Members* not serving on a county board: \$0

SINGLE-DAY REGISTRATION FEES:

Includes all sessions and meals scheduled for that day.

- Monday, Sept. 14 only (includes lunch and refreshments): \$130 members / \$155 non-members
- Tuesday, Sept. 15 only (includes breakfast, lunch, refreshments, and the President's Banquet with a +1): \$220 members / \$245 non-members
- Wednesday, Sept. 16 only (includes breakfast and refreshments): \$100 members / \$125 non-members

*Active Life Members is defined as: An individual participating in committee work in the last 3 years; life members are those that are not part of the MDHHS County Board or a staff member.

Cancellations must be made prior to August 30, 2026. There will be NO refunds AFTER this date.

Please make check payable to:
MCSSCET

115 W. Allegan, Ste. 200
Lansing, MI 48933

Federal ID #: 38-2703537

TOTAL COST

FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS:

EARLY BIRD RATE (JUNE 1 – JUNE 30):

- \$300 MEMBERS
- \$325 NON-MEMBERS

_____ X \$300
_____ X \$325

STANDARD RATE (JULY 1 – AUGUST 15):

- \$325 MEMBERS
- \$350 NON-MEMBERS

_____ X \$325
_____ X \$350

LATE RATE (AUGUST 16 – AUGUST 30):

- \$360 MEMBERS
- \$385 NON-MEMBERS

_____ X \$360
_____ X \$385

SPOUSE / GUEST RATE: \$200

_____ X \$200

LIFE MEMBER: \$0

_____ X \$0 =\$ _____

SINGLE DAY CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS:

MONDAY, SEPT. 14

- MEMBER
- NON-MEMBER

_____ X \$130
_____ X \$155 =\$ _____

TUESDAY, SEPT. 15

- MEMBER
- NON-MEMBER

_____ X \$220
_____ X \$245 =\$ _____

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 16

- MEMBER
- NON-MEMBER

_____ X \$100
_____ X \$125 =\$ _____

SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION:

= \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE MCSSCET:

= \$ _____

REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE: WWW.MCSSA.COM

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

MCSSCET
115 W. ALLEGAN, STE. 200
LANSING, MI 48933

TO PAY VIA CREDIT CARD

OVER THE PHONE:

517-371-5303

Michigan Sales and Use Tax Certificate of Exemption

This exemption claim should be completed by the purchaser, provided to the seller, and is not valid unless the information in all four sections is complete. Do not send a copy to Treasury unless one is requested.

SECTION 1: TYPE OF PURCHASE Check one of the following:

- A. One-Time Purchase
Order or Invoice Number: _____
- B. Blanket Certificate. Recurring Business Relationship
- C. Blanket Certificate
Expiration Date (maximum of four years): _____

The purchaser completing this form hereby claims exemption from tax on the purchase of tangible personal property or services purchased from the seller named below. This claim is based upon: the purchaser's proposed use of the property or services; OR the purchaser's exempt status.

Seller's Name and Address	Bavarian Inn 1 Covered Bridge Lane, Frankenmuth
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SECTION 2: ITEMS COVERED BY THIS CERTIFICATE

Check one of the following:

1. All items purchased.
2. Limited to the following items: _____

SECTION 3: BASIS FOR EXEMPTION CLAIM

Check one of the following:

1. For Lease. Purchaser will lease the property and elects to pay tax based on rental receipts. Enter sales tax license or use tax registration number: _____
2. For Resale at Retail. Enter Sales Tax License Number: _____
3. Direct Pay -Authorized to pay use tax on qualified transactions directly to Michigan Treasury under account number: _____

The following exemptions DO NOT require the purchaser to provide a number:

4. Agricultural Production. Enter percentage: _____%
5. Government Entity (U.S. or its instrumentalities, State of Michigan or its political subdivisions), Nonprofit School, Nonprofit Hospital, Church or House of Religious Worship (circle type of organization)
6. Contractor (provide *Michigan Sales and Use Tax Contractor Eligibility Statement* (Form 3520)).
7. For Resale at Wholesale.
8. Industrial Processing. Enter percentage: _____%
9. Nonprofit Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), or 501(c)(19) Exempt Organization.
10. Nonprofit Organization with an authorized letter issued by Michigan Department of Treasury prior to July 17, 1998 (sales tax) or June 13, 1994 (use tax).
Rolling Stock purchased by an Interstate Motor Carrier.
11. Other (explain): _____
12. _____

SECTION 4: CERTIFICATION

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that the information on this certificate is true, that I have consulted the statutes, administrative rules and other sources of law applicable to my exemption, and that I have exercised reasonable care in assuring that my claim of exemption is valid under Michigan law. In the event this claim is disallowed, I accept full responsibility for the payment of tax, penalty and any accrued interest, including, if necessary, reimbursement to the vendor for tax and accrued interest.

Business Name		Type of Business (see codes on page 2) 5	
Business Address		City, State, ZIP Code	
Business Telephone Number (include area code)		Name (Print or Type)	
Signature	Title	Date Signed	