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Terry Coston, the PCF's Executive Director, along with the Board of Directors, wants you to be confident that your medical malpractice coverage is right for you. The staff earnestly addresses each call with care and concern. Using the directory listed below, please call or email if you have concerns.

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While you should always inform your broker/agent of any changes in your contact information, please feel free to email requests for name, address or other changes directly to your primary insurer.

# PCF Newsletter

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## 2010 Rate Change Favors PCF Members

Following last year's overall rate reduction of 4.6%, the PCF Board continues its provision of exceptional coverage at a competitive rate.



Effective June 1, 2010 PCF Members with \$1M/\$3M coverage limits will have a 4.4% decrease, members with \$3M/\$6M and \$5M/\$7M limits will experience no change, and the members with \$10M/\$12M limits will experience a 5% increase.

## New Member Management System Debuts

Your new Member Management System scheduled for Fall 2010 will help improve productivity, reduce the amount of paper used during monthly correspondence, and enable your office managers to retrieve declaration pages via your on-line member account.

Our new system offers the following features:

- Rapid email notification of member changes
- Immediate access to member information
- Improved office efficiencies and customer service
- Tighter security

Many of our enhancements stem from our members who call or email ideas and experiences. To take advantage of these enhancements, go to [www.scpcf.com](http://www.scpcf.com), click on PCF Members, login, click update profile, and complete the online form as directed. If your account has not been activated, once on the website, click on PCF Members, then activate your account, complete the online form. You will receive a confirmation email with your password once we've approved your account (24 hours). You can then proceed with updating your profile.

For additional information or assistance, please call us. . .

We'll be happy to help!

# Risk Management Discounts!

New to the business? Concerned about the risks of the Medical industry? Wondering about the risks of day-to-day business? Be anxious no longer. Let the professional staff of PCF Aid (Assess, Identify, Demonstrate) you with the risks of the industry as they are outlined. After all, managing risks is a necessity.



## Risk Management Exclusively for New Physicians

Once again SC JUA and SCPCF are partnering to offer our new physicians' risk management training. The session will be conveniently held at the offices of the South Carolina Hospital Association in Columbia on Friday, May 21, 2010.

- **Session 1: 8:00 am - 12:00 p.m.**
- **Session 2: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Only one session is required to receive your **25%** membership fee discount or \$2,000 whichever is less. For more information and requirements, contact Amy Bryant or Sarah Swillen at (864) 240-2750. For additional detailed information and registration, visit our website at [www.scpcf.com](http://www.scpcf.com). Register today! Deadline is May 18, 2010

## New! Discount for New Dentist Only

Dental Graduates! The PCF realizes that prevention is not just about cavities. Take advantage of the "COMBO" of savings totaling 65% for the first year.

- First year discount for all new dentists - 40% (*New*)
- Additional 25% discount if the New Dentist Risk Management Seminar is attended
- 10% discount for second year of practice (*New*)

Don't hesitate. . . your savings await you!

## COMING SOON! Office Assessments

*Other Risk Management Initiatives will be announced this summer. If you have suggestions on risk management topics, please call PCF or JUA.*

## We Hear You!

PCF is listening to you and would like to extend these additional products to our members:

- **Additional Insured Endorsement for Hospital Coverage can now include Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, and Nurse Anesthetics (CRNA).**
- **Surgical Technicians are now included under the Additional Insured Endorsement.**
- **New Flexibilities with Claims-made Policies.**

## New! Excess Coverage Limits Available to Non-JUA Members

Members with basic coverage limits of \$1M/\$3M, \$3M/\$6M, or \$5M/\$7M now have the following limits available:

\$1M/\$3M excess \$1M/\$3M  
\$2M/\$3M excess \$1M/\$3M  
\$4M/\$4M excess \$1M/\$3M  
\$9M/\$9M excess \$1M/\$3M  
\$2M/\$1M excess \$3M/\$6M  
\$7M/\$6M excess \$3M/\$6M  
\$5M/\$5M excess \$5M/\$7M

Please contact your agent or call us if you would like to take advantage of these new products.

## Shared Limit Coverage for Mid-Level Providers (i.e., Physicians Assistant, Nurse Practitioner & CRNAs):

Here is another saving opportunity to offset your premium. Effective April 1, 2010 the Mid-Level or Allied Healthcare members (with the exception of Nurse Midwife) can opt to have shared limit coverage with their preceptor or supervising physician. Both members would have one limit. If you and your preceptor are interested in this product, call us.

## New News on Our Web

The following articles provided by Medical Liability Monitor are posted on our website:

- Three years out, Safety Checklist Continues To Keep Hospital Infections in Check, HHS to Take Program Nationwide (March)
- Office Preparedness For Emergency Medical Care

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## *Spotlight on Membership*

*Since the creation of SC PCF in 1976, it has served over 19,000 members. This quarter, we are privileged to shine our membership spotlight on Dr. James B. Edwards, III, an OB-GYN in Georgetown, South Carolina for his continued membership. Dr. Edwards owns one of the longest active memberships existing on the PCF books. We appreciate you!*

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