

Mullins stressed the effort that went into the RFI response. "The AAFP wanted to get this right—right for family physicians," she said.

And she saluted the work of her physician colleagues on the front lines.

"When you're in the midst of doing the clinical work—seeing patients and taking care of people—that's the most important thing your world," said Mullins. "This payment stuff—all these new terms and acronyms—it's confusing and hard to wrap your head around it all.

"I remember that feeling of just not caring about those kinds of administrative details—just wanting the payment situation to get better," she added.

Mullins reminded family physicians of their painfully long wait for the demise of the SGR. "As technically difficult as this new law is to grasp, it's easy to understand that thanks to MACRA, the 21.5% Medicare pay cut forecast for 2016 didn't happen," she said.

"This new payment system is unfamiliar territory for all of us," said Mullins. "But we have to find a way to maximize its benefit. It's time for family medicine and primary care to own this law."

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GERARDO MORENO, MD, MSHS, SELECTED AS 2015 NAM PUFFER/ABFM FELLOW

The National Academy of Medicine (NAM) has selected Gerardo Moreno, MD, MSHS as the 2015 James C. Puffer, MD/American Board of Family Medicine Fellow. Dr Moreno is an assistant professor in the Department of Family Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He is 1 of 5 outstanding health professionals selected for the class of 2015 NAM Anniversary Fellows.

Dr Moreno received his medical degree from UCLA, and completed his post-doctoral clinical residency training in family medicine at the University of California, San Francisco. He received a Master of Science in Health Services from the UCLA School of Public Health and completed a post-doctoral research fellowship in the Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Foundation Clinical Scholars Program at UCLA.

Dr Moreno's research interests include minority aging, health and health care disparities, and physician workforce diversity. He is a federally funded clinician investigator with formal training and expertise in community-based participatory research (CBPR) and health services outcomes research. He is a recipient of a National Institute of Aging (NIA-NIH) Paul B. Beeson Career Development Award in Aging (K23). Dr Moreno chairs UCLA's Oversight Committee for the Implementation of the School of Medicine's Diversity Strategic Plan and is a member of the Steering Committee for Community Engagement for the UCLA School of Medicine and Health System. He also co-directs the Community Liaison Core for the National Institutes of Health/National Institute on Aging funded UCLA Resource Center for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR)/Center for Health Improvement for Minority Elders (CHIME). Dr Moreno is co-director of the UCLA MyMeds program and is co-principle investigator for the evaluation of this Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) practice-based clinical pharmacist and health IT medication management program in 28 practices.

As a Puffer/ABFM/NAM Anniversary Fellow, Dr Moreno will receive a research stipend of \$25,000. Named in honor of James C. Puffer, MD, president and chief executive officer of the ABFM, the fellowship program enables talented, early-career health policy and science scholars in family medicine to participate in the work of the Academies and further their careers as future leaders in the field.

NAM Anniversary Fellows continue their main responsibilities while engaging part-time over a 2-year period in the Academies' health and science policy work. A committee appointed by the president of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) selects fellows based on their professional accomplishments, potential for leadership in health policy in the field of family medicine, reputation as scholars, and the relevance of their expertise to the work of NAM and the IOM.

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