

# Medical Society of Delaware

## Physicians Advocacy Program

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TO: PHYSICIANS AND OFFICE STAFF

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#### Medicaid Claims Audits to Begin in January

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on September 14 released a final rule detailing the implementation of the Medicaid Recovery Audit Contractor (RAC) program based on a similar Medicare program in operation nationwide. States will contract with the Medicaid RACs which will search for fraud, waste, and abuse in the program by reviewing past claims that have already been paid. Auditors will be compensated based on a percentage of funds they recover that were paid inappropriately to doctors, hospitals, and others. States must pay reviewers for uncovering underpayments that must be reimbursed to those filing the claims. States must implement Medicaid RACs by January 1, 2012. Although the Medicaid RAC program is inspired by the often maligned Medicare version, the final rule does include several revisions requested by the American Medical Association and other organizations. These include:

- Prohibition against audits of Medicaid claims older than three years.
- Each auditor must have a licensed physician as medical director.
- States must coordinate Medicaid RAC activities with those of other auditors. RACs cannot audit claims already being investigated by another auditor.
- Requesting the states to set limits on the number of medical records RACs and review and the frequency with which they can request records.
- Requiring RACs to return their fee if an overpayment determination is reversed at any level of appeal.

MSD will continue to update its members as more information is released about Delaware's Medicaid RACs.

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#### Primary Care Collaboration in the Matrix of Care

Dover Psychiatrist and MSD member Mark Borer, M.D., DFAPA, FAACAP, has developed the Pro-Pack Toolkit, a detailed clinical form (to be filled out for the most part by child and adolescent patients and their families), which allows Primary Care Physicians quicker access to child and adolescent mental health assessment and treatment considerations, and promotes collaboration among resources for optimal patient treatment. The toolkit will be introduced at a seminar beginning at 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on October 11, 2011 at Rockford Center in Newark. A complementary dinner will be served. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register, see [www.deaap.org/matrix2011](http://www.deaap.org/matrix2011).

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the co-sponsorship of the Medical Society of Delaware (MSD) and the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and through the joint-sponsorship of MSD, the Delaware Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Rockford Center. MSD is accredited by the ACCME to provide CME activities for physicians. MSD designates this live activity for a maximum of 2.5 AMA PRA Category 1 credits<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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#### BLS Class October 8

The Medical Society of Delaware is offering the American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers Certification Course from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, October 8 at the MSD Conference Center, 900 Prides Crossing, Newark. The class is open to MSD members and their employees. The MSD designates this live activity for a maximum of 4 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits*<sup>™</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. The cost is \$60 per person. There are two openings still available for the class. Contact Betty Sue Wilkinson at [bsw@medsocdel.org](mailto:bsw@medsocdel.org) or 302-366-1023 to register.

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#### Cultural Competency Program

The Delaware Division of Public Health Office of Minority Health is sponsoring a program titled, "Cultural Competency – From Theory to Practice" from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, October 19, 2011, at the MLK Student Center on the campus of Delaware State University in Dover. The presenter will be Horace DeLisser, M.D., Associate Professor of Medicine and Assistant Dean for Spirituality and Cultural Competency at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. A light lunch will be provided. The program is intended for physicians, nurses, social workers, and employees of Community Health Centers. Register and learn more at [www.de-ccs.com/register.html](http://www.de-ccs.com/register.html).

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