Delaware Care Collaborative Saves $10.1 Million

Saint Francis Healthcare Makes Medicare Shared Savings Goals

The Delaware Care Collaboration (DCC), a partnership of Saint Francis Healthcare and MSD, achieved $10.1 million in savings for the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) in 2018 - a 10.85% savings rate. DCC achieved the 12th highest savings rate percentage among 548 Medicare Shared Savings Program (MSSP) ACOs. The organization will receive nearly $4.9M in shared savings as a result. DCC earned a 98.64% overall quality score under MSSP pay-for-performance metrics. Read more.

MSD Sends Message Regarding Surprise Billing

Multi-State Society Coalition Speaks Out

The Medical Society of Delaware has joined several other state societies in urging lawmakers in Washington to be wary of giving the insurance
industry unilateral control when attempting to find solutions to surprise billing legislation. Both the House and Senate are ironing out plans that still have significant flaws. MSD along with state societies from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, and Maine signed the press release which highlights a New York law that is showing promise to solve the problem of excessive charges for emergency services and surprise bills. Read more.

Hot Topic - Protecting the Public

What the Delaware Gun Law (HB 302) Requires of Physicians

Registration is open for the next MSD Hot Topic CME - Protecting the Public, What the Delaware Gun Law (HB 302) Requires of Physicians on Thursday, November 7th from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m at the MSD Conference Center in Newark. This presentation is intended for physicians and will include the history of mental health care in Delaware with a focus on the "dangerous" standards that are often the focus of changes in the law. Discussion will include the intersection of mental health and guns and aim to educate the audience about the tensions and political challenges facing medical professionals. This educational activity is approved for 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. To register.

DPH Confirms Flu Case of the Season

First Lab-Confirmed Case Involves Pediatric Patient
The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) has confirmed the state's first laboratory-confirmed case of influenza for the 2019-2020 flu season. The case, which also marks Delaware's first pediatric case of the season, involves an 8-year-old from New Castle County. DPH is asking physicians to encourage their patients who are age six months and older to receive the flu vaccine. Read more.

**Mini-Grant Applications Being Accepted for DHIN**

*Valuable Opportunity for Small Primary Care Practices, Etc.*

The Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) is seeking applications from Delaware health care professionals for one-time, health information exchange (HIE) support mini-grants to adopt the full range of health information exchange tools offered by the Delaware Health Information Network (DHIN). Eligible mini-grant applicants include small primary care and other medical practices, behavioral health professionals, accountable care organizations (ACOs), or Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) that are not adopting the full range of health information exchange tools offered by the DHIN. This mini-grant is an opportunity for practices to expand their use of data as a lever in preparation for new payment.
models, including total cost of care and risk-sharing arrangements by having connectivity with the DHIN. Read more.

Hotel Accommodations Available for MSD Gala

 Reserve a Room at the HOTEL DU PONT and Stay After the Gala

MSD has reserved a block of hotel rooms for those attending the MSD Annual Meeting and/or Inaugural Gala on November 23rd who might want to spend the night. Rooms at the HOTEL DU PONT in Wilmington have been blocked at a special rate of $165 + tax, per room/ per night. Please use reference code "MSDE2019" when making your reservations. Room rates and block expire October 31st. Call 302-594-3125 for reservations. Register for MSD Annual Meeting & Gala.

AMA Governing Council Position Opening

This is Your Opportunity to Have a Seat at the Table

MSD has been informed that the American Medical Association's (AMA) Integrated Physician Practice Section (IPPS) has an opening on the Governing Council for the alternate delegate position. If you are a physician leader from a clinically integrated physician-led system or group
who wants to be involved in the AMA, please consider this opportunity. The IPPS alternate delegate helps represent the Section during the AMA's House of Delegates meeting; the time commitment is six to seven-days twice a year at the AMA's Annual and Interim Meetings. For more information. If interested, please contact Mary LaJudice at Mary.LaJudice@medsocdel.org or 302-224-5183.

Is Your Staff HIPAA & OSHA Trained?

MSD Offering In-Person Training at Your Convenience

The Medical Society of Delaware offers in-person HIPAA & OSHA training to MSD members and their staff. MSD's Compliance Coordinator Dwayne Downs will provide live training at your practice. If you or your staff has not yet scheduled the 2019 mandatory training, please contact Dwayne at 302-366-1023 or dwayne.downs@medsocdel.org to set up a training session.

Tilton Award Celebration

A Night to be Remembered
The 2019 Tilton Award Dinner for medical achievement in Delaware was by all accounts a huge success. This year's honoree, esteemed cancer physician Nicholas J. Petrelli, MD, was celebrated by more than a hundred physicians, executives, advocates, Delaware elected officials, and friends. A special recognition award was accepted by MSD member Beth R. Duncan, MD, MBA-HC in memory of her husband and MSD past president William B. Duncan, MD, who passed away earlier this year. Each year, MSD partners with the Tilton Society to honor an MSD member who exemplifies excellence, leadership, courage, tenacity, and perseverance for the profession of medicine. View photo gallery.

In Memoriam

John T. Oglesby, II, MD, FACP
It is with sadness we share that MSD member John T. Oglesby, II, MD, FACR has passed away on October 3rd. Dr. Oglesby, a well-regarded and talented radiologist, was the section chair of the Vascular and Interventional Radiology Department at ChristianaCare (formerly the Medical Center of Delaware) until his retirement in 1999. Among his many achievements, he was the co-inventor of the Wills-Oglesby Percutaneous Gastrostomy Set, a Fellow of the American College of Radiology, and an author of numerous medical journal articles. A memorial luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 16th at noon at the Columbus Inn in Wilmington. Read obituary.

"Rerum Cognoscere"

The Latin phrase Rerum Cognoscere translates to learn, examine, or become aware of facts or things. In this section we highlight measurable items of interest in health care from MSD, Delaware, the US, and the world.

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Upcoming Events

Oct 16 - Screenagers Film Premiere, Presented by the MSD School Health Committee, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.


Oct. 26 - 12th Annual Delaware Orthopaedic Symposium, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

Nov 2 - Delaware Academy of Family Physicians Sports Medicine Symposium, 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

Nov. 7 - Hot Topic, Delaware Gun Laws, What Physicians Need to Know and Do, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

Nov. 23 - Medical Society of Delaware's 230th Annual Meeting & Inaugural Gala, MSD Conference Center, Newark / Deerfield, Newark.

Dec. 9 - 2019 Communicable Disease Summit, 7:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

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