You're Invited - MSD Roundtable With Sen. Carper

Topic: Surprise Billing

In an effort to continue to open dialogue with our legislators, Senator Tom Carper will join MSD members in a roundtable discussion regarding surprise billing legislation and other topics of interest on Monday, September 16th from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., at the MSD Conference Center in Newark. We encourage all our members to pass the word to others and register themselves and a colleague to take part in this important opportunity. To register.

 Surprise Billing - Make Your Voice Heard

Take Action - Take a Stand

The American Medical Association (AMA) is encouraging the medical community to
motivate legislators to address several issues of concern. On the top of the list, surprise medical billing and Medicare/MACRA/QPP. The AMA has put together an "action kit" on surprise billing with all the information you will need to be an effective advocate. View Surprise Billing Action Kit. The AMA has also put together an "action kit" on MACRA and improvements that are needed to refine the program. View MACRA Action Kit.

**Board of Licensure and Discipline Makes News**

*State Continues to Crack Down on Prescribing*

MSD Past President Randeep S. Kahlon, MD was interviewed by the *News Journal* about the recent increase in news-making suspensions of medical licenses in the First State. According to the article, in the last four years at least 80 physicians have been disciplined by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline and 11 have had their licenses revoked, many for prescribing issues. Dr. Kahlon notes the country as a whole is making a concerted effort to clamp down on irresponsible prescribing. Read article.

**Vaping Watch - Severe Pulmonary Disease**

*DPH Requests Reporting of Vaping-Related Cases*
The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) has issued a health advisory with information provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding cases of vaping-related severe pulmonary disease reported across the country. DPH is asking physicians and health care professionals in Delaware to report any suspected cases in the First State. Physicians around the country are reporting a concerning number of cases believed to be caused by the use of e-cigarettes. Read more.

CMS Approves 1332 State Innovation Waiver

Reduction in Insurance Rates Expected in 2020 for Individual Market

Delaware has been approved by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a 1332 State Innovation Waiver under the Affordable Care Act to create a reinsurance program. The program will begin in 2020 and is expected to reduce premiums by up to 20 percent for Delaware's individual health insurance market. Under the program, a portion of high-cost health care claims will be reimbursed.
through an estimated $27 million fund, helping to bring premiums down. The fund will use a mix of federal funding and assessments collected by the Delaware Department of Insurance from health insurance carriers. Read more.

Register Now - "The Power of Nutrition"

O.B.V.I.O.U.S. Program Scheduled

Mark your calendar for a special O.B.V.I.O.U.S. / School Health Subcommittee presentation - The Power of Nutrition by Neal D. Barnard, MD, FACC on Thursday, September 19 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the MSD Conference Center in Newark. Discover the role of a plant-based diet in disease prevention and reversal of serious health problems. Learn how to tackle the cause of illness with special attention to nutrition, and hear why nutrient packed school lunches are critical to student health and well being. This activity has been approved for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Open to the public. To register.

A Practice Management Session Not to Miss
Please join us for the next MSD Practice Management & Education session - *Active Shooter Planning and Response for The Health Care Setting* on **Tuesday, September 10** from 8:00 am-10:00 am at the MSD Conference Center in Newark, with video conferencing to Bayhealth Kent General.

Health care facilities face a unique set of challenges in an active shooter incident. These incidents have no patterns in victim selection or method, creating an unpredictable and quickly evolving situation that can lead to loss of life and injury. Health care staff must consider response planning for patients that require the greatest allocation of resources, as well as the unique characteristics within the health care environment. This program will cover what to do in case of an active shooter, mitigation strategies, and protective measures. Free to MSD members. [To register.](#)

"**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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Modern Healthcare

Upcoming Events

Sept. 9 - Understanding and Treating Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, 9:00 a.m. - noon, The Chapel, Herman Holloway Health & Social Services Campus, New Castle.

Sept. 10 - Practice Management Session: Active Shooter Presentation, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

Sept. 12-13, 19-20 - Certified Medical Office Manager (CMOM) Course and Exam, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Eden Hill Medical Center, Dover.

Sept. 13 - Inaugural Sepsis Symposium, 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

Sept. 14 - Contemporary Approaches to Heart & Valve Disease, 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Virden Retreat Center, Lewes.

Sept 16 - Roundtable Discussion With Senator Thomas Carper, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

Sept. 19 - Dr. Neal Barnard of George Washington School of Medicine presents, "Using the Power of Nutrition for Health," hosted by MSD O.B.V.I.O.U.S. and School Health Subcommittee, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

Sept. 20 - Dr. Margaret I. Handy Annual Memorial Lectureship, John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

Sept. 21 - 3rd Annual GI Symposium, 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

Sept. 21 - 8th Annual Psychiatric Society of Delaware (PSD) Symposium, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

Oct 4 - Tilton Award Dinner honoring Nicholas J. Petrelli, MD, FACS, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., University & Whist Club, Wilmington.
Oct. 8 - 26th Annual E. G. Scott Microbiology Symposium, 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

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

Oct. 11 - Dementia Care 2019: Medical and Physiological Challenges in the Care of People with Dementia, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Rehoboth Country Club, Rehoboth Beach.


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

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