

## In This Issue

- Governor Carney Issues 14<sup>th</sup> Modification to Emergency Declaration
- CMS Increases Payments for Audio-Only Telephone Visits
- MSD Announces New Affinity Partner - Dealmed
- CDC Adds Six More Symptoms for Coronavirus
- Instructions to Order PPE Supplies
- Rebates and Reduced Insurance Rates for Delaware Residents
- Join the AMA's Telemedicine Webinar
- MSD Coronavirus Resources

## Reminders

### 2020 HIPAA & OSHA TRAINING

Get your 2020 HIPAA & mandatory OSHA training scheduled with MSD Compliance Coordinator Dwayne Downs at 302-366-1023. BLS training coming soon!

### CERTIFIED MEDICAL OFFICE MANAGER (CMOM)

New Course dates to be announced.

### CONFERENCE ROOM SPACE

Need a conference room? Contact Patrick Rita at 302-224-5189.

## Contact MSD

302-366-1400  
MedicalSocietyofDelaware.org

To unsubscribe contact

Kristie Stewart at

302-224-5196

Kristie.Stewart@medsocdel.org

## Governor Carney Issues 14th Modification to Emergency Declaration

Governor John Carney has issued the fourteenth modification to his State of Emergency declaration, providing additional protections for Delaware renters during the COVID-19 pandemic, and extending the application deadline for Delaware's Senior School Property Tax Credit Program until June 1, 2020. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/DELEMDEC>.

## CMS Increases Payments for Audio-Only Telephone Visits

In response to efforts by the American Medical Association (AMA), MSD and other health care organizations, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced today that they will be increasing payments for audio-only telephone visits between Medicare beneficiaries and their physicians to match payments for similar office and outpatient visits. This would increase payments for these services from a range of about \$14-\$41 to about \$46-\$110. Payments are retroactive to March 1, 2020. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/CMSTeledmpmt>.

## MSD Announces New Affinity Partner - Dealmed

Dealmed Medical Supplies is the newest addition to the Medical Society of Delaware's affinity partnership program. Founded in 1930, Dealmed is the largest, independent medical/surgical distributor in the Northeast region. Dealmed's primary focus is to help independent physician practices improve efficiency and increase profitability so they can strengthen their business and continue to practice medicine the way they want to. As both a medical supply manufacturer and distributor, Dealmed has the unique advantage of being able to offer a wide array of services, supplies, equipment, injectables, and custom items to fit any budget. From order entry by your dedicated support team to order receipt through their very own fleet of delivery vehicles, a Dealmed employee will handle your product needs with care, so you can focus on what's important: (improving patient care outcomes. To set-up an account or for a free consultation, please contact Sonja Baggett, Medical Consultant at 302-766-2124 or [sbaggett@dealmed.com](mailto:sbaggett@dealmed.com).

## CDC Adds Six More Symptoms for Coronavirus

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) added six new symptoms for the coronavirus to its website. The new symptoms for the disease are chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell. The list already included fever, cough and shortness of breath as symptoms of the coronavirus. Other symptoms of the highly infectious virus include diarrhea, skin rash, runny nose, red eyes and fatigue. However, people are known to contract the virus and remain asymptomatic. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/COVID19Sympt>.

## Instructions to Order PPE Supplies

Medical supply vendors are replenishing their PPE stock and therefore, practices are encouraged to always check with their vendor when there is a need to order PPE supplies. However, if your vendors are still reporting that PPE supplies are on back-order, the Delaware Division of Public Health has provided resources to assist with obtaining PPE supplies. See PPE Request Policy and Procedures at <https://tinyurl.com/dphpperequest> and State Health Operations Center (SHOC) Resource Request Form at <https://tinyurl.com/dphshocform>.

## Rebates and Reduced Insurance Rates for Delaware Residents

The Delaware Department of Insurance released a list of consumer-friendly automobile insurer actions that are being implemented due to reduced vehicle use throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. These actions represent millions of dollars being returned to or saved by policyholders throughout the state. Check the list and see if your insurer is listed. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/DELRebates>.

## Join the AMA's Telemedicine Webinar

Telemedicine is critical to keeping physicians and patients safe during the COVID-19 pandemic. The AMA is offering a **free webinar** for authoritative guidance on coding for telehealth services on Wednesday, May 6 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm EST. For more information and to register please visit <https://tinyurl.com/AMACOVIDWebinar>.

**MSD Coronavirus Resources** <https://tinyurl.com/MSDCOVID19>