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Reminders

MSD Coronavirus Resources

Please visit our MSD Coronavirus Resource page for continued updated guidance on COVID-19 at <https://tinyurl.com/MSDCOVID19> or contact our MSD Physician Relations team at 302-224-5196

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.

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Telemedicine Coverage

The Medical Society of Delaware has been advised by Insurance Commissioner Navarro, that insurance payers are required to continue their current telemedicine coverage as long as Governor Carney keeps the State of Emergency Orders in place. If your practice receives information from an insurance payer advising they are terminating telemedicine coverage, please contact Frank Pyle, Department of Insurance, at Frank.Pyle@delaware.gov or Kristie Stewart, MSD Physician Relations at kristie.stewart@medsocdel.org.

MSD Advocating for You!

The Medical Society of Delaware has received many requests from physicians and practice management staff asking for guidance in understanding the complicated rules and regulations imposed by the insurance payers. MSD continues to advocate with the American Medical Association, Health & Human Services and our federally elected officials on the ERISA/self-insured plans regarding reimbursement - especially with regard to telemedicine services. As a result of MSD's strong advocacy, Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester is cosponsoring H.R. 6644 the *Health Care at Home Act*, which would require ERISA plans cover telehealth services during COVID-19. View Bill at <https://tinyurl.com/hr66440519>.

Changes for Delaware Effective June 1st

Governor John Carney on May 26th, announced several changes to his emergency declaration. Starting June 1st, short term rentals will be allowed, mandatory 14-day quarantine for out-of-state travelers will no longer be in effect, and outdoor events of up to 250 people can resume. Attendees of outdoor events will need to wear face coverings and individuals must maintain a social distance of at least six feet from anyone outside of their household. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/govcarneyjune1>.

Resuming Elective Surgeries

The Delaware Division of Public Health advised that as of May 20th, all licensed health care facilities and health care providers may resume *Tier 2* elective and non-urgent medical procedures and appointments as recommended by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), and CMS *Tier 1* procedures as prioritized by the health care facility as long as all of the required measures are in place. For more guidelines, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/ResElcSurg>.

DE Dept. of Labor Releases Fraud Prevention Guidelines

The Delaware Department of Labor released Fraud Prevention guidelines for employers and claimants to protect against identity theft and fraud involving unemployment benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic. Several states have reported incidents of identity theft and payment fraud regarding unemployment benefits during this pandemic. This type of fraud is not limited to employers and employees, it may also impact the general public who may or may not be receiving unemployment insurance benefits. To view these guidelines visit <https://tinyurl.com/DEDOLGuide>.

Employers Can Grant Paid Leave for COVID-19

Under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, employers can grant paid leave for an employee to take care of their health needs related to COVID -19 or to care for their family members. In addition to the relief for employees, businesses can claim two new refundable payroll tax credits for granting paid leave to their employees. The paid sick leave credit and paid family leave credit are available for eligible employers who pay qualified sick leave wages and/or qualified family leave wages from April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, and who have fewer than 500 employees. The paid sick leave credit and the paid family leave credit will immediately and fully reimburse employers for the cost of providing COVID-19 related leave to their employees. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/IRSPDSCKLV>.

ProAssurance Cancels Live Events

ProAssurance has announced that all remaining live physician and practice manager events have been cancelled. You can obtain the premium credits by completing the online version of the course. The practice manager course is also available online as well. The website is www.proassurance.com. Any questions, please call Sharon Ruth at MSDIS 302-397-0173