

# Practice Matters

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#### Reminders

soon!

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

**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

## MEDICAL SOCIETY OF DELAWARE INSURANCE SERVICES (MSDIS)

MSDIS offers a complete portfolio of insurance products and services. For more information visit: http://www.usi.com/msdis/

# THANK YOU MSD PREMIER EDUCATIONAL PARTNERS (PEP)

Visit our PEP page at https://www.medicalsocietyofdelaware.org/delaware/

CERTIFIED MEDICAL OFFICE MANAGER (CMOM)

New Course dates to be announced.

#### **Contact MSD**

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### Be an MSD Hero - Join the MSD Hero Blood Drive

Please join the Medical Society of Delaware in donating life-saving blood. Although we cannot host an in-person blood drive this summer, we are inviting you, your staff, friends, and families to schedule a time to donate from **July 6th through September 21st**. Choose a Blood Bank of Delmarva location close to you and schedule a convenient time. At the time of your donation complete a "Hero Card" by entering your name and Medical Society of Delaware. If you are game, please share a picture of yourself donating and share your "donation story" to encourage others and most importantly, send us your story and tell a friend! Let's make our blood drive a HUGE success to brag about! For more information visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/MSDBLDDRVE">https://tinyurl.com/MSDBLDDRVE</a>.

### **MSD Telemedicine Preferred Partnership - Presence**

The Medical Society of Delaware is pleased to announce a new preferred partnership with the Medical Society of North Carolina and Greenlight Ventures to offer medical practices a quick and easy telemedicine solution. The new telemedicine platform, called Presence, is available to MSD members free of charge until August 30, 2020. Presence can be deployed within five minutes, allows patients to self-schedule, permits HIPAA compliant text and email based communications, as well as audio/video visits. Presence is meant to be used alongside an existing electronic health record system to minimize disruption to the practice. Learn more about Presence at <a href="https://therecoveryplatform.com/presence/">https://therecoveryplatform.com/presence/</a>. Click on this link to activate your personal account now <a href="https://tinyurl.com/MSDHHPRES">https://tinyurl.com/MSDHHPRES</a>.

#### Scope of Practice Legislation of Concern to Physicians

HR 884, the Medicare Mental Health Access Act has been pushed forward in Washington to change scope of practice laws in federal programs. Through this legislation, Congress would change Medicare's definition of "physician" to include psychologists. Psychologists would be legislated to practice as physicians among our most vulnerable patients, those in inpatient and partial hospital settings. The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (AACAP), American Psychiatric Association (APA), and the American Medical Association (AMA) oppose this proposed legislation, but your voice is needed. Please fill in a short form letter at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/SIGNLETTER1">https://tinyurl.com/SIGNLETTER1</a> and make your voice heard.

#### **AMA Tackles Key Issues in Washington**

The American Medical Association (AMA) has been working hard to ensure physicians have the tools and safeguards they need to continue to battle COVID-19 and to weather the hardships the virus presents to the practice of medicine. In letters to Vice President Mike Pence and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the AMA urged immediate action to address ongoing shortages and access issues related to personal protective equipment (PPE), including recommendations establishing a national response strategy that delineates federal and state responsibilities; focus on the needs of all practice settings; creation of a permanent home for federal logistical planning; and strict measures against price gouging that can occur during national emergencies. Read more at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/AMAPPE1">https://tinyurl.com/AMAPPE1</a>.

#### SCAM ALERT! - Debt Relief and Credit Repair Scams

Debt relief service scams target consumers with significant credit card debt by falsely promising to negotiate with their creditors to settle or otherwise reduce consumers' repayment obligations. These operations often charge cash-strapped consumers a large up-front fee, but then fail to help them settle or lower their debts – if they provide any service at all. Auto loan modification scams falsely promise that they can reduce consumers' monthly car loan or lease payments to help them avoid repossession. Credit repair scams also frequently target financially distressed consumers who are having credit problems. The FTC has brought scores of law enforcement actions against these bogus credit-related services and has partnered with the states to bring hundreds of lawsuits. For more information visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/scmalrt">https://tinyurl.com/scmalrt</a>.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Quality Insights – "QPP for Beginners, v.2.0" – July 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. For more information and to register, visit https://tinyurl.com/qpp716.