

# **Practice Matters**

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# 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!

#### 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

#### **MSD IS ON FACEBOOK**

"Like" the Medical Society of Delaware Facebook page for informative posts, pictures and events. Like Follow us at: https://www.facebook.com/Medical SocietyofDelaware/or@medicalsocietyofdelaware and turn on your notifications.

# BE AN MSD HERO - JOIN THE MSD HERO BLOOD DRIVE

Please join the Medical Society of Delaware by filling out a Hero Card and donating life-saving blood from now until September 21st. For more information visit

https://tinyurl.com/MSDBLDDRVE

#### **Contact MSD**

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# **Practice Management Education Session - Healthcare Cost Savings**

You are invited to attend the next Practice Management Education lunchtime webinar on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 1:00 pm for a presentation on Healthcare Cost Savings. This session will be presented by Brian McLaughlin, Market Leader, PA, with My Benefit Advisor. For more information and to register visit <a href="https://reg.planetreg.com/HCSWebinar">https://reg.planetreg.com/HCSWebinar</a>.

#### **HHS Provider Relief Fund Phase 2**

On July 31, 2020, HHS announced that certain Medicare providers would be given another opportunity to receive additional Provider Relief Fund payments. These are providers who previously missed the June 3, 2020 deadline to apply for additional funding equal to 2 percent of their total patient care revenue from the \$20 billion portion of the \$50 billion Phase 1 General Distribution, including many Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and dental providers with low Medicare revenues. In addition, certain providers who experienced a change in ownership, making them previously ineligible for Phase 1 funding, will also be given an opportunity to apply for financial relief. Eligible providers may now submit an application for possible funding by August 28, 2020. This deadline aligns with the extended deadline for other eligible Phase 2 providers, such as Medicaid, Medicaid managed care, CHIP, and dental providers. For more information on the Providing Relief Fund programing and Phase 2 eligibility, please visit hhs.gov/providerrelief.

# **LabCorp Offers Free COVID Antibody Tests**

For the next three months, LabCorp will perform the high-affinity antibody test at no charge to patients, insurance companies, or the government. When patients are receiving other medically necessary blood tests as part of a medically necessary exam or treatment, this program allows providers to add the SARS-CoV-2 Antibodies Test to the same order at no charge. The no-charge high-affinity antibody testing program will use only the Roche Elecsys® Anti-SARS-CoV-2 and does not apply to other COVID-19 antibody tests, such as the IgG test. For more information visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/LABCRP20">https://tinyurl.com/LABCRP20</a>.

### **CMS Releases New Payment Model**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Innovation Center has released a new model that will change funding opportunities and increase access and improve health care quality. The Community Health Access and Rural Transformation (CHART) Model intends to:

- Increase financial stability for rural providers through the use of new ways of reimbursing providers that provide up-front investments and predictable, capitated payments that pay for quality and patient outcomes;
- Remove regulatory burden by providing waivers that increase operational and regulatory flexibility for rural providers; and
- Enhance beneficiaries' access to health care services by ensuring rural providers remain financially sustainable for years to come and can offer additional services such as those that address social determinants of health including food and housing.

For more information please visit https://tinyurl.com/CMSPMTMDL.

# **Changes for Delaware Pharmacy Benefit Managers**

The Delaware Department of Insurance (DOI) has finalized new regulations for Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) to proactively combat excessive pharmaceutical costs. The new regulations, which are in effect now, will increase the level of oversight and transparency, allowing the DOI to investigate companies, require corrective actions, and to suspend, deny, or revoke a PBM's registration if they are acting in violation of the Code. For more information visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/PHARMDEL">https://tinyurl.com/PHARMDEL</a>.

# **MSD Preferred Partner Spotlight - DrFirst Backline**

The Medical Society of Delaware is pleased to announce a new preferred partnership with Backline, an award-winning clinical communication, telemedicine platform that gives health care professionals, patients, caregivers, and collaborating clinicians a simple, secure way to share health information in real-time. Start telehealth visits and remote assessments with patients as needed. Collaborate with the care team via secure chat. Send and receive HIPAA-compliant messages, images, files, forms, notifications, reminders, and more-all from your phone or mobile device. For more information visit <a href="https://drfirst.com/products/backline/">https://drfirst.com/products/backline/</a>.