

# **Practice Matters**

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#### Reminders

# MSD MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

Membership renewal for 2019 can be paid electronically by logging into the MSD website or by mail. For questions contact Ryan Wolfe at 302-224-4905 or ryan.wolfe@medsocdel.org.

#### MSD IS ON FACEBOOK

"Like" the Medical Society of Delaware Facebook page for informative posts, pictures and events. Like us at: https://www.facebook.com/MedicalSo cietyofDelaware/

# **CONFERENCE ROOM SPACE**

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# **Practice Management Session: Emotional Formation**

Registration is now open! Please join us for the next MSD Practice Management & Education session on Tuesday, March 12, from 8:00 am – 9:30 amat the MSD Conference Center in Newark, DE with video conferencing to Bayhealth Kent General Hospital. This Practice Management Session will focus on emotional intelligence, emotional formation and the need for both, the components of emotional intelligence and defining each part, a working model for professional and personal relationship development, learn how to increase leadership ability, improve decision making, increase staff morale, increase personal well-being, and how to decrease occupational stress. This activity has been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit<sup>TM</sup>. For more information and to register visit: https://reg.planetreg.com/EmotionalFormation. Seating is limited!

# **Certified Medical Office Manager Course**

MSD, in partnership with the Practice Management Institute, is offering a Certified Medical Office Manager (CMOM) course on March 6, 7, 13 & 14 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Medical Society Delaware Conference Center in Newark. The CMOM curriculum is a complete resource chosen by medical office professionals seeking to expand their skills and excel in a practice leadership role. Whether you are currently running a practice or want to acquire the skills to become a practice leader, the program will explain this role in detailed, easy-to-follow modules. Participants will gain a thorough foundation for managing a successful medical practice. For more information and to register, please visit: https://reg.planetreg.com/CMOM2019. Seating is limited!

#### 650 Delawarean's Affected by Insurance Data Breach

The Department of Insurance announced that BenefitMall's Oct. 11 data breach has affected five companies in Delaware and 650 of their consumers. Delawareans insured by Highmark BCBS, Aetna, Emblem Health, Humana, or UnitedHealth should monitor their postal mail carefully for notice they were affected. Aetna is notifying those impacted by the breach by mail and offering a free subscription to credit and identity monitoring services. For more information visit <a href="https://tinyurl.com/DEDataBreach2019">https://tinyurl.com/DEDataBreach2019</a>.

#### Delaware Medical Assistance Program (DMAP)

Attention Pharmacists, Prescribers, and Physicians. On February 1, 2019, Alprazolam (Xanax) will become non-preferred for DMAP members. During 2019, DMMA will focus on Drug Utilization Review programs and policy changes to address the challenges created by the over-prescribing of medications in this class, with the initial attention on alprazolam. DMAP members with a history of alprazolam on their drug profile within the last 60 days will have a prior authorization created to allow for an adequate time for an assessment. Practitioners may want to take this opportunity to discuss other treatment options with the member. This period can also be used to taper the dosing. For more information visit: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/DMAP4thQT">https://tinyurl.com/DMAP4thQT</a>.

# **New Medicare Enrollment Application**

CMS received approval for a new Medicare Enrollment Application for physicians and non-physician practitioners (CMS-855I dated 12/2018). Many changes are minor; the major ones reduce provider burden. You may begin using the new application immediately. Through April 30, Medicare Administrative Contractors will accept applications dated 7/2011, after April 30 the new version must be utilized. For more information visit: https://tinyurl.com/MEDLN1-31.

# Premier Educational Partner Highlight - LabCorp

Premier Educational Partners have joined with the Medical Society of Delaware in supporting high quality professional medical education for Delaware physicians and other health care professionals to advance the health and well-being of Delaware's citizens. LabCorp is a leading global life sciences company that is deeply integrated in guiding patient care through its comprehensive clinical laboratory and end-to-end drug development services. The company provides diagnostic, drug development, and technology-enabled solutions for more than 115 million patient encounters per year. LabCorp typically processes tests on more than 2.5 million patient specimens per week and supports clinical trial activity in approximately 100 countries through its industry-leading central laboratory business, generating more safety and efficacy data to support drug approvals than any other company. For more information please visit <a href="https://www.labcorp.com/">https://www.labcorp.com/</a>