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Reminders

2019 MANDATORY HIPAA & OSHA TRAINING

Time is running out to become complaint with the mandatory HIPAA & OSHA training. Schedule today with MSD's Compliance Coordinator Dwayne Downs at 302-366-1023.

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DPH Issues Health Alert for Tuberculosis Testing

The Division of Public Health has issued a Health Alert Network (HAN) Advisory to notify health care professionals in Delaware that they may see patients in the coming weeks or months who have received a letter from DPH informing them that they have been exposed to someone with TB disease. Those receiving the letter have been advised that they need to be tested for TB. In 2019, DPH began a contact investigation of an individual with TB disease, which resulted in the identification of a large number of individuals who are advised to be tested for Latent TB Infection (LTBI), or TB disease. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/DETB-HAN>.

AMA Delegates Urging Ban on Vaping Products

The American Medical Association's (AMA) House of Delegates, at the Interim Meeting this week, adopted a policy to urgently push for "regulatory, legislative or legal action at the federal or state levels" to ban the sale and distribution of all e-cigarettes and vaping products. The exception would be for products approved by the Food and Drug Administration for tobacco-cessation purposes and made available by prescription only. MSD was present and contributed in policy discussions at the AMA Interim Meeting. For more information <https://tinyurl.com/AMAVape2019>.

MSD Practice Management & Education Session 2020 Insurance Payers Workshop

Please join us for the next Practice Management & Education Session, 2020 Insurance Payers Workshop, **Tuesday, January 14th from 8:00 - 11:00 am**, at the MSD Conference Center in Newark with video conferencing to Bayhealth Hospital, Kent General Campus. Representatives from Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Cigna, CMS, Highmark Delaware, Highmark Health Options, and United Healthcare will present on the latest changes and updates that will affect your practice and patients' health insurance plans for the upcoming year. For more information and to register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/2020IPW>. **Seating is limited!**

CMS Announces Price Transparency Rules

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued two rules to increase price transparency to empower patients and increase competition among all hospitals, group health plans, and health insurance issuers in the individual and group markets. The first rule is the Calendar Year (CY) 2020 Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) & Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Price Transparency Requirements for Hospitals to Make Standard Charges Public Final Rule. The second rule is the Transparency in Coverage Proposed Rule. Both the final and proposed rules require that pricing information be made publicly available. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/2019PTR>.

Delaware Medical Assistance Program (DMAP)

DMAP has identified crossover institutional claims as possible duplicate payments. The identified claims with a date of service from January 1, 2017, through May 3, 2018, will be voided. This information will appear on the Remittance Advice dated November 25, 2019, and the claim numbers will begin with '56'. For questions please call provider services at 1-800-999-3371.

Give the Gift of Warmth – MSD Winter Drive

This year, MSD is collecting socks, hats, and gloves for infants, children, and adults to be donated to the Ministry of Caring. The Ministry of Caring is a community-based non-profit organization that provides a network of social, health and support services for those living in poverty, including the homeless and working poor, in the greater Wilmington, Delaware area. Please drop off your new or very gently used items at the Medical Society of Delaware, 900 Prides Crossing Newark, DE from **November 23 – December 6**. A collection box for donation drop offs will be located in the entrance area by the Christmas tree. MSD thanks you for your donation and generosity. For more information on the Ministry of Caring and how to make a monetary donation please visit <https://www.ministryofcaring.org/>.

Up-Coming Event:

Dec. 9 – 2019 Communicable Disease Summit, 7:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark. To register <https://tinyurl.com/2019CDSummit>