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# Reminders

# MSD ANNUAL MEETING AND INAUGURAL GALA:

November 17, 2018. For more information and to register: https://reg.planetreg.com/2018AM

#### 2018 HEALTH SUMMIT:

December 10, 2018 at Christiana Care Ammon Center from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. To register: http://reg.planetreg.com/2018HealthS ummit

#### MSD MEMBERS RECEIVE DISCOUNTS ON SERVICES

See list of Affinity Partners at http://tinyurl.com/affinitypartners

#### CONFERENCE ROOM SPACE

Need a conference room? Contact Patrick Rita at 302-224-5189.

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#### Delaware Division of Professional Regulation PMP Presentation

**Registration Closing!** All who hold an active Delaware Controlled Substance Registration (CSR) must be registered with the Delaware Prescription Monitoring Program (PMP). Want to learn the latest on the PMP including how to navigate, the rules on delegates, authorized users, and much more? Don't miss this important MSD Practice Management & Education session on Tuesday, November 13, from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. at the MSD Conference Center in Newark (*Note: Seating for video conferencing to Bayhealth at Milford Hospital is full*) To register for the Newark location, please visit: https://reg.planetreg.com/DELAWAREPMP2018.

# SEEKING TO EXPAND YOUR SKILLS IN 2019?

Have you or someone from the office staff considered taking our Certified Medical Coder course and exam or our Medical Front Office Skills Certificate Program? Productivity in the office depends on the staff having the proper knowledge and skills to be the most effective. The value of MSD membership for your physicians is in knowing we can also make your life easier. In the coming weeks, the 2019 membership renewals will be mailed out. Don't let your physicians' renewals for 2019 slip through the cracks. Make the 2019 renewals a priority for the New Year so you can continue to take advantage of all the services we offer to you.

#### Final Changes to the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule for Year 2019

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued its final Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) for 2019. Last summer CMS issued a proposal to overhaul the evaluation and management coding structure, which met with loud opposition. CMS decided to postpone any changes until 2021. CMS is also adding payment for "virtual care" or telemedicine. Medicare will now reimburse for using "communication technology-based services" including brief "check-ins" and evaluation of "pre-recorded images and/or video." The agency also made changes to Part B drug reimbursement. For more information visit: https://tinyurl.com/FINALRule19.

# MSD Gets YOU Answers on CMS's New Fee Schedule

In an effort to help MSD members learn the ins and outs of the new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Physicians Fee Schedule for 2019, we are offering a brief webinar for our members on December, 5th at noon. CMS will present the changes and how they will affect your practice. To register visit: https://reg.planetreg.com/FinalRule2019Webinar

## **Renew Your Delaware Business License Online**

The Delaware Division of Revenue online business license system is now open for 2019 renewals. Any business whose license expires on December 31, 2018 may visit de.gov/renew to renew using a credit card, debit card, or by direct debit from your bank account. This convenient online service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week and it's fast, easy, and secure. For more information, please contact the business license office at (302) 577-8778 or BusTax@state.de.us.

## MSD Food Drive – Please Help Fight Hunger This Holiday Season

This holiday season in efforts to help fight hunger, MSD will be collecting canned and dry goods (non-perishables) to donate to the Helping Hands food pantry of Bethel Tabernacle in Frankford, Delaware. Together we hope our combined donations will make a real difference for those in need. Donations will be collected between Nov. 1 - Dec 7th at the Medical Society of Delaware, 900 Prides Crossing in Newark. We will have collection boxes by the entrance, as well as by the front desk. For monetary tax deductible 501 (c) (3) donations, please make checks payable to: Bethel Helping Hands Food Bank. For more information visit: https://tinyurl.com/MSDFoodDrive.

# Cake Mixes Recalled Due to Potential Presence of Salmonella

A positive finding of Salmonella has been found in a retail sample of Duncan Hines Classic White cake mix that may be linked to a Salmonella outbreak that is currently being investigated by CDC and FDA. Conagra has decided to voluntarily recall the specific Duncan Hines variety identified (Classic White) and three other varieties (Classic Butter Golden, Signature Confetti and Classic Yellow). For more information visit: https://tinyurl.com/DuncanHinesRecalled.

#### **Upcoming Event:**

**November 28 -** Transforming Revenue Cycle Management, Timothy's Riverfront Grill & Wilmington Hall, at 6:00 pm. To register: https://tinyurl.com/TRCM2018