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Reminders

MSD MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewal for 2020 can be paid electronically by logging into the MSD website or by mail. If your mailing address has changed recently, please contact MSD Membership Coordinator Michelle Seymour at 302-224-4905 or Michelle.Seymour@medsocdel.org.

2019 HIPAA & OSHA TRAINING

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

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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Surprise Billing – Please Voice Your Concern

A surprise billing compromise between Senate and House committees was announced that would protect patients by limiting their out-of-pocket costs to amounts they would have owed if treated in-network. However, the legislation includes potentially devastating provisions that use a benchmark rate, setting out-of-network payments at the median amount insurers pay for in-network care in order to resolve payment disputes. This compromise appears to benefit insurance companies at the expense of patients seeking a robust physician network. Physicians are urged to call your legislators or use the American Medical Association online action center to send them an urgent message to continue to work to ensure the legislation includes a robust and independent resolution process that treats all stakeholders equally while protecting access to care. For more information and to contact your legislators visit <https://tinyurl.com/srprseblng>.

Update: Walmart To Delay its Electronic Prescriptions Policy

In an article we shared last week, Walmart announced that it would require electronic prescribing for all controlled substances as of January 1, 2020, with no exceptions. The AMA and multiple medical societies opposed the mandate, urging a delay due to the likelihood for patient harm and how the Walmart policy did not comport with state or federal law. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/WalmartEPCS>.

ACIP Publishes 2020 Immunization Recommendations

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) has published immunization recommendations following their October, 2019 meeting. These recommendations have been adopted by the CDC Director and will become official once published in the Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. The ACIP website is being updated to include the October recommendations. For more information please visit <https://tinyurl.com/cdcvacc19>.

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!**

Certified Medical Office Manager Course

The next Certified Medical Office Manager (CMOM) course will be held on **Feb 20, 21, 27, and 28** at the MSD 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 visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/CMOM2020>. **(Seating is limited)** Test your practice management knowledge and take a free assessment at <http://tinyurl.com/CMOMTest>.

2020 AMPAC Candidate Workshop

The 2020 AMPAC Candidate Workshop will be taking place February 28 – March 1 at the AMA Office in Washington, DC. The Candidate Workshop is designed to help physicians make the leap from the exam room to the campaign trail and give you the skills and strategic approach you will need to make a run for public office. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/AMPAC2020>.

MSD Poses the "One Word Challenge"

The Medical Society of Delaware membership team wants your "word." For fun, we are asking you to give us a single word that denotes what MSD means to you. There is no right or wrong answer, so what do you have to lose? Take the MSD "One Word Challenge" and tell us what your MSD membership means to you. Please email Membership Coordinator, Michelle Seymour at Michelle.Seymour@medsocdel.org with your "word."