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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!

MEDICAL FRONT OFFICE SKILLS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM
Learn communication techniques, data collection, medical terminology, front desk operations, insurance basics, billing, collections, and much more. Class starts March 19-20. For more information and registration visit https://reg.planetreg.com/MFOS2020.

CERTIFIED MEDICAL OFFICE MANAGER (CMOM)
April 9, 10, 16, 17
For more information and to register: https://reg.planetreg.com/CMOM2020

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

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**"It's OBVIOUS" Presents: The Dangers of Vaping**

The MSD’s Campaign for Kids "It's OBVIOUS" program presents Vaping: What We Do & Don't Know on **Wednesday, March 18th** from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. This informative program features guest speaker Albert Rizzo, MD, FACP, pulmonologist and Chief Medical Officer of the American Lung Association, who will share the latest information available on vaping-related illness, prevention initiatives, and what parents and the public need to know. This event is free to the general public and all health care professionals. To register visit https://reg.planetreg.com/DangersOfVaping.

**MSD Practice Management Session – Cyber Security**

Please join us for the next MSD Practice Management & Education session on **Tuesday, March 24** from **8:00 am – 10:00 am** at the MSD Conference Center in Newark, with video conferencing to Bayhealth Hospital Kent Campus. Anahi Santiago, CISM, from Christiana Care and Sharon Ruth, Healthcare Client Advocate, from MSDIS, USI, will present on cyber-crime, cyber extortion, how you can protect your practice, multi-media liability, and much more. For more information and to register visit https://reg.planetreg.com/2020CyberSecurity.

**CMS Develops New Code for Coronavirus Lab Test**

Health care professionals who need to test patients for Coronavirus using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2019 Novel Coronavirus Real Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Test Panel may bill for that test using the newly created HCPCS code (U0001). The Medicare claims processing system will be able to accept this code on April 1, 2020, for dates of service on or after February 4, 2020. HCPCS is a standardized coding system that Medicare and other health insurers use to submit claims for services provided to patients. For more information visit https://tinyurl.com/NMLN2-20.

**Bill Correctly for Medicare Telehealth Services**

In a recent report, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) determined that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) improperly paid practitioners for some telehealth claims associated with services that did not meet Medicare requirements. CMS released the Medicare Telehealth Services video to help you bill correctly. For more information visit https://tinyurl.com/NMLN2-20.

**Tip #7 - Prepare for E/M Office Visit Changes Coming in 2021**

The AMA has worked with CMS to overhaul the Evaluation and Management (E/M) office visit codes, in order to reduce documentation burdens that interfere with patient care. Physician practices are encouraged to start planning now for the operational, infrastructural, and administrative workflow adjustments that will result from this overhaul effective January 1, 2021.

**Tip #7: Update your compliance plan** - Many practices have a compliance plan to help avoid ethical and legal mistakes. The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services has a roadmap to help physician practices develop and implement a compliance plan. As your practice undergoes the transition to the new E/M guidance, ensure that your updated protocols and procedures remain consistent with your current compliance plan. For more information please visit https://tinyurl.com/OIGCOMPL. Look for next week’s Practice Matters for Tip #8

**Physicians Needed for PD Task Force**

In response to the critical access to care issue in Delaware for Parkinson’s disease (PD) patients, a PD task force has been formed to explore where care is falling short for families and how we can improve care in our state. The PD task force continues it search to include more physician members, with a particular need for physician representation from Kent and Sussex counties, as well as from Saint Francis Healthcare. Currently, meetings have been conducted via conference call/web link. Please contact Mary LaJudice at Mary.Lajudice@medsocdel.org or 302/224-5183 if you have an interest in making a difference in Parkinson’s disease care in Delaware.

**Premier Educational Spotlight – MSDIS**

The Medical Society of Delaware Insurance Services (MSDIS), powered by USI Insurance, specializes in providing employee benefits, medical malpractice, personal, and business insurance to the health care community. Our team has been serving the practice of medicine for more than 25 years and is dedicated to providing coverage, education, advocacy, and advice that delivers quantified value. For more information contact Sharon Ruth, sharon.ruth@usi.com, 302.293.1576.