Expanded Coverage for Telemedicine

Under a modified Emergency Declaration, Governor Tom Carney temporarily lifted regulations to expand access to telemedicine in Delaware. Under the modified declaration:

- Patients do not need to present in-person before telemedicine services may be provided.
- Delaware residents do not need to be present in Delaware at the time the telemedicine services are provided.
- Any out of state healthcare provider who would be permitted to provide telemedicine services in Delaware if they were licensed under Title 24 may provide telemedicine services to a Delaware resident if they hold an active license in another jurisdiction. For more information, please visit https://tinyurl.com/carneydelectelemedicine

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has broadened access to Medicare telehealth services so that beneficiaries can receive a wider range of services from their doctors without having to travel to a healthcare facility. CMS is expanding this benefit on a temporary and emergency basis under the 1135 waiver authority and Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act. For a "Medicare Telemedicine Health Care Provider Fact Sheet, please visit https://tinyurl.com/cmstelemedfactsheet.

The Office of Civil Rights will exercise its enforcement discretion and will not impose penalties for noncompliance with the regulatory requirements under the HIPAA Rules against covered health care professionals in connection with the good faith provision of telehealth during the COVID-19 nationwide public. Please visit https://tinyurl.com/OCRTelemed

Telemedicine Options for Physicians

MSD subsidiary Health Hub has carefully vetted the following vendors for telemedicine use.

- Mend - MSD is offering grants for $1000 off for VIP participating physicians. Grant application: https://tinyurl.com/TeleGrant20 or visit https://www.mendfamily.com/
- Vidyo - For a limited time offering a no cost temporary license. For more information visit https://tinyurl.com/vidyofreetrial

COVID-19 In The Ambulatory Care Setting Webinar

“A Practical Guide for the Multidisciplinary Team” The session will provide clinicians in office settings with information on how to prepare for patients who have COVID-19 symptoms, what to do when these patients do present, and what to report to local public-health authorities. The activity will also help clinicians decide on an appropriate patient disposition, how to clean and disinfect facilities, and determine if healthcare providers and staff need to self-quarantine. For more information and to register visit https://tinyurl.com/COVID19WB. Please note that Delaware might have different reporting protocols.

DPH Assistance For PPE

MSD has received many questions about Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and where to find replenishments. DPH has supplied the following resources to help physicians obtain more supplies. For more information visit https://tinyurl.com/PPEDEL19 and https://tinyurl.com/SHOCForm.

More COVID-19 Cases Reported in Delaware

There have been 30 total laboratory-confirmed cases in all three counties in the state. This includes four additional cases. Of the Delawareans diagnosed with COVID-19, 23 are from New Castle County, four are from Kent County, and three are from Sussex County. For more information please visit https://tinyurl.com/DELCOVID19UPDATE.

MSD COVID-19 Resource Page

MSD continues to work closely with the Delaware Division of Public Health to provide our medical community with the most up-to-date information and resources available on COVID019. Please visit the MSD Coronavirus resource page: https://tinyurl.com/MSDCOVID19. This page is continually updated when new information becomes available.

Cancelled Event:

PROASSURANCE Live Loss Prevention Seminars Cancelled through April 30, 2020