Medical License Renewal Deadline March 31

Medical licenses will expire on March 31 of odd-numbered years (2017, 2019, etc.). You must certify that you have completed the Mandatory Training in addition to the Continuing Medical Education (CME) required by the Rules and Regulations for your license. You may be selected for audit of your CME following the renewal. See “Renewing an Expired License” at http://tinyurl.com/DEMEDLIC. Note that, if you hold a controlled substance registration, you must file a separate renewal application at http://tinyurl.com/DELSR2019.

Physicians Required to Renew CSR by June 30th

Delaware physicians must renew their controlled substance registration (CSR) by June 30, 2019. Physicians renewing their CSR must attest to the completion of two-hours of education (non-Delaware specific) in the areas of controlled substance prescribing practices, treatment of chronic pain, or other topics related to the prescribing of controlled substances. MSD provides links to CME-related to controlled substance prescribing on our website, for more information please visit http://tinyurl.com/MSDEducation. The one-hour Delaware-specific education is not required for CSR renewals and is only required now for new CSR requests.

This Could Be Your Last Issue of Practice Matters

Our goal is to share important news and information with your practice. However, without renewing membership for 2019, receipt of your weekly Practice Matters and other valuable MSD communications will be interrupted. Membership renewal is easily accomplished online by logging in to the MSD website. For questions, please contact Ryan Wolfe at Ryan.Wolfe@medsocdel.org or (302) 224-4905.

Practice Management Session

DE Sexual Harassment Law & Employer Obligations

SAVE THE DATE! Please join us for the next MSD Practice Management & Education session on Tuesday, May 7, from 8:00 am – 10:30 am at the MSD Conference Center in Newark, DE with video conferencing to Bayhealth Kent General Hospital. On August 2018 Governor Carney signed Delaware sexual harassment law that became effective on January 1, 2019. All Delaware employers must comply with this law by July 1, 2019, and requires some employers to provide sexual harassment training to all their employees by December 31, 2019. This session will cover what the Delaware employers’ obligations are, how to comply with this new law, and malpractice requirements. Registration will soon open!

Physician Quality Reporting System Website Retires March 29

The PQRS program ended on December 31, 2018, and CMS is retiring the website on March 29, 2019. All of the posted resources currently on the website will no longer be available after March 29, 2019. Please download or read any educational materials on the Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS) website before it retires. On this date, CMS will also retire the CAHPS for PQRS survey website. For more information visit: http://tinyurl.com/PQRSRetires.

Medical Front Office Skills Certificate Program

Registration Open! The role of the medical office receptionist has changed in recent years. No longer are the duties of front desk personnel limited to answering the phone and making appointments for patients. Productivity of a staff member depends on knowledge, skills, and training. MSD, in partnership with Practice Management Institute, offers a Medical Front Office Skills Certificate Program and is scheduled at two locations for your convenience, May 16 & 17 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at the MSD Conference Center in Newark, and on June 13 & 14 at the Eden Hill Medical Center in Dover, DE. This program will cover: customer service, communication techniques, data collection, medical terminology, front desk operations, insurance basics, billing and collections, and much more. To register please visit: https://reg.planetreg.com/MFOS2019.

DME Proof of Delivery Documentation Requirements

CMS simplified and clarified documentation requirements for proof of delivery of Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and related services. If you are a physician, provider, or supplier who bills a DME Medicare Administrative Contractor, read the MLN Matters Article on Proof of Delivery Documentation Requirements for details at http://tinyurl.com/MLN4-2019.