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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!

### CERTIFIED MEDICAL OFFICE MANAGER (CMOM)

CMOM scheduled in April has been postponed. New dates to be announced.

### CONFERENCE ROOM SPACE

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

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## MSD Coronavirus Resources

The Medical Society of Delaware is here to assist you with guidance on new rules/regulations, provide resources, hear your concerns, and provide answers to your questions. Please visit our MSD Coronavirus Resource page at <https://tinyurl.com/MSDCOVID19> or contact our MSD Physician Relations team at 302-224-5196.

## AMA Financial Checklist for Private Practices

Physician practices managing patients during the COVID-19 pandemic are confronting new and unique operational and business challenges. The American Medical Association has published a checklist which provides high level guidance for practice owners and administrators. For more information, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/amapracticeguide>. For assistance navigating through this checklist or guidance on where to find additional resources, contact our MSD Physician Relations team at 302-224-5196.

## DEA Eases Some Controlled-Substances Rules During Pandemic

The DEA, in a letter posted last week, said that "due to the extraordinary circumstances arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic," it would allow a health care organization's existing DEA registration to apply to a satellite hospital or clinic if it meets certain conditions, such as that:

- It was set up to provide temporary services connected to the public health emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- It is authorized by the state in which it operates to handle controlled substances and is doing so in a manner permitted by the state.

The DEA-registered hospital or clinic must maintain appropriate records and notify the local DEA field office in writing that it is opening a satellite location that will handle control substances. Local field offices and the DEAs COVID-19 resource page can be found at <https://www.dea.gov/>. To read the full letter visit <https://tinyurl.com/DEACOVIDLetter>.

## IRS Issues Warning About COVID-19 Related Scams

Taxpayers should be on the lookout for IRS impersonation calls, texts, and email phishing attempts about the COVID-19 Economic Impact Payments. These scams can lead to tax-related fraud and identity theft. The IRS will not call, email or text to verify or request financial, banking, or personal information. Watch out for websites and social media attempts to request money or personal information. Don't open surprise emails that look like they're from the IRS. Forward suspicious emails to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov), then delete. Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for the most up-to-date information.

## Lessons from the Front Lines: COVID-19

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will host **CMS Lessons from the Front Lines: COVID-19** on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 – 2 PM EST. This call series is an opportunity to hear physicians and other clinical leaders share their experiences, best practices, strategies, and insights related to COVID-19. Participant Dial-In: (877) 251-0301, Access Code: 8672948. To view the webcast screening visit <https://tinyurl.com/CMSWebcastCovid19>.

## CMS Issues New Wave of Infection Control Guidance

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued a series of updated guidance documents focused on infection control to prevent the spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in a variety of inpatient and outpatient care settings. The guidance, based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines, will help ensure infection control in the context of patient triage, screening and treatment, the use of alternate testing and treatment sites and telehealth, drive-through screenings, limiting visitations, cleaning and disinfection guidelines, staffing, and more. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/CMCCOVIDGuide>.

## Expanded Coverage for Essential Diagnostic Services

CMS, together with the Departments of Labor and Treasury, issued guidance to ensure Americans with private health insurance have coverage of COVID-19 diagnostic testing and certain other related services, including antibody testing, at no cost. This includes urgent care visits, emergency room visits, and in-person or telehealth visits to the doctor's office that result in an order for or administration of a COVID-19 test. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/CMSCVD19>.