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MSD CORONAVIRUS RESOURCES

Please visit our MSD Coronavirus Resource page for continued updated guidance on COVID-19 at <https://tinyurl.com/MSDCOVID19>

MSD IS ON FACEBOOK

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Message from MSD President on Thanksgiving Guidance

MSD President, Dr. Joseph Straight has provided an announcement regarding Thanksgiving guidance. To read the announcement, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/MSDThanksgiving>. Please share this printable Thanksgiving guidance sheet with your staff and patients. <https://tinyurl.com/EnglishGuide1> and <https://tinyurl.com/GuideSpanish1>

DPH COVID-19 Vaccination Playbook

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) has released its COVID-19 Vaccination Playbook, which lays out how it expects to navigate the distribution of the COVID-10 vaccine. Due to an expected shortage of the vaccine, Delaware plans to make the two-shot series available in a multiple step approach by prioritizing population groups starting with persons serving in health care settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials. To view the vaccine distribution phase plan, please visit, <https://tinyurl.com/PhasePlan>. For the full vaccination playbook, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/VACPLAYBOOK>.

COVID-19 Vaccine Codes and PC-ACE Software Update

In anticipation of the availability of the COVID-19 vaccine(s), the American Medical Association, working with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, created new codes for the vaccine and the administration of the vaccine. To prepare for the vaccine administration claims, the PC-ACE software is also updated and ready for providers to download. For more information, visit <https://tinyurl.com/COVIDVACCOCODES>.

Practice Management Session Lunchtime Webinar 2021 CPT Code and Documentation Changes

Mark your calendar for the next Practice Management Education lunchtime webinar on Wednesday, December 2 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. This session, presented by Cindy Groux, CHBME, CEO, President, of Health Care Practice Management will provide an overview of the new CPT codes for 2021 including Prolonged Services and Clinical Staff Services, documentation changes to reduce administrative burden, decrease needs for audits, promote coding consistency, and new rules for Time billing. To register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/2021CPTWebinar>.

Tell Congress Now is Not The Time to Cut Medicare Payments

In just the last few weeks, bipartisan legislation has been introduced to address these concerns. The "Holding Providers Harmless from Medicare Cuts During COVID-19 Act" (H.R. 8207), would freeze payments at 2020 rates for services scheduled to be cut in 2021 for a period of two years, while allowing the scheduled office Evaluation and Management service increases to take place. Analyses of this approach show improved overall impact numbers for all physician specialties. Please contact your member of Congress and ask them to support the "Holding Providers Harmless from Medicare Cuts During COVID-19 Act" (H.R. 8207) today! For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/AMAMEDPAY>.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT - 2020 HIPAA & Mandatory OSHA Training

Medical Society of Delaware offers in-person HIPAA & OSHA training. MSD's Compliance Coordinator Dwayne Downs will provide live training in your practice, at your convenience. If you have not yet scheduled your 2020 mandatory training, please contact Dwayne at 302-366-1023 or dwayne.downs@medsocdel.org as soon as possible.

Reminder: 2021 Controlled Substance Registration Renewal

Delaware physicians holding a Controlled Substance Registration (CSR) license, will be required to renew by June 30, 2021. All practitioners who apply for a Delaware controlled substance registration (CSR) must complete a mandatory two-hour, two part course pertaining to safe prescribing and distributing of controlled substances, treatment of pain, and recognizing and treating opioid use disorder. **This two-part course is also the approved course for meeting the requirement for reviewing a practitioner's CSR.** Note that this is the **ONLY** approved course for meeting the CSR renewal requirement. Practitioners initially issued a CSR for a period less than two years do NOT need to repeat this course in that initial licensure period. **All other CSR holders must complete this course to meet the two-hour continuing education requirement each renewal cycle.** Please visit https://dpr.delaware.gov/boards/controlledsubstances/mandatory_course/.