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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>

DELAWARE RX CARD

Are you looking for help with the cost of your medications? Delaware Rx Card can help. Visit delawarerxcard.com to download a free card and save up to 80% on your prescription medications.

2021 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

Get your 2021 HIPAA, mandatory OSHA, & BLS training scheduled with MSD Compliance Coordinator Dwayne Downs at 302-366-1023.

MSD IS ON FACEBOOK

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2021 Physician Licensure & CSR Renewal Reminder

Physicians are reminded that 2021 is a renewal year for both licensure and Controlled Substance Registration. **Physician Licensure Renewal – Deadline is March 31, 2021.**

Several issues were brought to our attention when the renewal process started on 1/1/21 with the State's system as well as a large price increase. MSD has since spent many hours and taken many issues to the State with regard to the licensure renewal and mandatory education process. The State advised that several revisions within their platform, per MSD's request, have been made in order to make the process smoother. MSD has contacted the State and requested an immediate price reduction due to the additional financial hardships this may cause our physicians in the midst of a pandemic, which has already proven to be a great strain on the practices. MSD Physician Relations has developed a FACT SHEET to assist you through the renewal and mandatory education process. MSD will continue to advocate for our physicians and keep you posted on any new developments. To view the FACT SHEET, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/MSDRenewalFact>.

2021 E-Prescribing Regulation

As a provider or pharmacist, you should be aware of the new Delaware Electronic Prescribing law, which will change how medications, including controlled substances, are prescribed for patients. Delaware has transitioned from written to electronic prescriptions. On January 1, 2021 the new Delaware and federal legislation went into effect, and requires e-prescribing, with some exceptions. The federal "Substance Use-Disorder Prevention That Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act" was signed into law October 24, 2018, and mandates e-prescribing for all controlled substances covered under Medicare Part D, with a few exceptions. In Delaware, House Bill 115 was signed into law June 27, 2019, which expands this requirement to all prescriptions, with certain exceptions. For more information including a link to HB115, visit <https://tinyurl.com/EPrescribingDE> and <https://tinyurl.com/DELHB115>.

There is Still Time to Enroll as A COVID-19 Vaccine Provider

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) is strongly recommending medical practices go through the process of registering to be a COVID-19 vaccinator, regardless of whether the intention is to vaccinate patients. Being enrolled will allow small practices to have the option to vaccinate their own staff. **The process to enroll can take time, so it is important not to delay.** DPH has updated their vaccine enrollment instructions for interested practices. For Enrollment Instructions visit <https://tinyurl.com/DEENRL>. For answers to questions please email COVIDVaccine@delaware.gov.

FDA Issues Alert About False Negative Results With Curative COVID-19 Test

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is alerting physicians and patients of the risk of false results, particularly false negative results, with the Curative SARS-Cov-2 test. Risks to a patient of a false negative result include: delayed or lack of supportive treatment, lack of monitoring of infected individuals and their household or other close contacts for symptoms resulting in increased risk of spread of COVID-19 within the community, or other unintended adverse events. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/FDACOVID19>.

Registration Open – 2021 Virtual Insurance Payer Workshop

Join us for the MSD Virtual Insurance Payer Workshop on Thursday, January 28, 2021 from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Learn the latest on changes and updates by the major insurance payers for 2021. Representatives from Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Highmark, United Healthcare, and CMS are invited to participate. To register, visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/2021PayerWorkshop>.

DE Residents Can Now Get Mail Order Naloxone for Free

Delaware's Division of Public Health has partnered with NEXT Distro, a nonprofit organization, to provide Naloxone at no cost through the mail to Delaware residents who might not otherwise have access to it. Residents can follow these steps to obtain naloxone through the NEXT Harm Reduction program: Go to NextDistro.org/Delaware, watch the naloxone training video, take the post-video test, fill out a request form, receive naloxone in the mail at no charge, download Delaware's free OpiRescueDE app. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/DEOPIRESCUE>.