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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>

2021 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

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

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CMS Interoperability and Patient Access Final Rule

The Interoperability and Patient Access final rule (CMS-9115-F) put patients first by giving them access to their health information when they need it most and in a way they can best use it. This final rule focused on driving interoperability and patient access to health information by liberating patient data using CMS authority to regulate Medicare Advantage (MA), Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Qualified Health Plan (QHP) issuers on the Federally-facilitated Exchanges (FfEs). Recognizing the challenges faced by payers during the COVID-19 public health emergency, CMS exercised enforcement discretion for the Patient Access API and Provider Directory API policies for MA, Medicaid, and CHIP effective January 1, 2021. **CMS will start enforcing these new requirements July 1, 2021.** For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/mxccc87b>.

Pause Lifted on Johnson & Johnson Vaccine

After reviewing vaccine safety data, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommended last week to lift the pause on the use of the Johnson & Johnson Janssen single-shot vaccine. The FDA determined that the available data show that the vaccine's known and potential benefits outweigh its known and potential risks in individuals 18 years of age and older. At this time, the available data suggest that the chance of blood clots and low platelets, also known as thrombosis-thrombocytopenia syndrome (TTS), occurring is very low, but the FDA and CDC will remain vigilant in continuing to investigate this risk.

DEADLINE EXTENDED: NHSC Loan Repayment Program

You have more time to submit your NHSC Loan Repayment Program application. The deadline to submit applications for the National Health Service Corps (NHSC) Loan Repayment Program is extended until Thursday, May 27 at 7:30 pm ET. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/3vrvn8yj>.

Medicare FFS Claims: 2% Payment Adjustment Suspended Through December

The CARES Act suspended the sequestration payment adjustment percentage of 2% applied to all Medicare Fee-for-Service claims from May 1 - December 31, 2020. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, extended the suspension period to March 31, 2021. An Act to Prevent Across the Board Direct Spending Cuts, and for Other Purposes, signed into law on April 14, 2021, extends the suspension period to December 31, 2021. Medicare Administrative Contractors will release any previously held claims with dates of service on or after April 1 and reprocess any claims paid with the reduction applied. **You don't need to take any action.** For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/54a9cxnt>.

Telemedicine/Virtual Health Best Practices Event

The Virtual Health Best Practice event is scheduled for Thursday, May 4, 2021 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. The educational objectives for this session are: Identify local resources to support patient care when needed. Develop a process to guide patients through technologies and assist with troubleshooting. Analyze metrics and develop processes to track and monitor RPM data. Respond to medical and behavioral health emergencies and much more. To register visit <https://msdcme.rievent.com/a/XZFZJP>.

Practice Management and Education Session – Cyber Security

Please **save the date** for the next Practice Management and Education Session. The topic for this session will be on Cyber Security and will be presented by SecureNetMD and Sharon Ruth from MSDIS, USI. This virtual event will be held on **Thursday, May 27th from 12:00 – 1:00 pm.** Registration soon to come.

Open Payments Pre-publication Review and Dispute Now Available

Pre-publication review and dispute for the Program Year 2020 Open Payments data is available now through May 15, 2021. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will publish the Open Payments Program Year 2020 data and updates to the previous program years' data in June 2021. For more information visit <https://www.cms.gov/openpayments>.

COVID-19 Vaccine: Check Medicare Eligibility

Medicare eligibility can now be checked for COVID-19 vaccine administration history from Fee-for-Service claims paid for calendar years 2020-2021. You can get the following eligibility information for each paid vaccine administration claim: CPT or HCPCS codes, Date of service, and National provider identifier for who administered the vaccine. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/sansstww>.