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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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Governor Carney, DPH Announce Major Changes to COVID-19 Restrictions

Governor John Carney and the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) on Tuesday announced major upcoming changes to Delaware's COVID-19 restrictions and are effective Friday May 21st. See full announcement at https://tinyurl.com/govcarneychanges.

Senate Bill 120 Update

Senate Bill 120 (SB 120) reforms the Primary Care system in Delaware. As MSD noted in our recent Call to Action communication, SB 120 went before the Senate Executive Committee on Wednesday, April 28th. Thanks to all who contacted members of the Senate Executive Committee and those who gave their time to testify, the bill has been released from the Senate Executive Committee and will now go to the Senate Finance Committee. https://tinyurl.com/y3k9pbhe.

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.

Coordination of Benefits: Parts A & B Crossover Claims Issue

Due to an April 8-15 systems issue, Medicare didn't send Part A and Part B (including Durable Medical Equipment (DME)) crossover claims to some supplemental payers. Medicare corrected this issue on April 16; however, it impacts claims finalized through approximately:

- April 25 (electronic claims)
- May 11 (paper claims)

If this issue affected your patient's supplemental payer, bill them using your normal procedures (if Medicare claims weren't crossed over). Note: There are separate tabs for Part A, Part B, and DME. For more information please visit https://tinyurl.com/y483jy53.

Practice Management and Education Session - Cyber Security

Registration for the next Practice Management and Education Session is open. 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**. For more information and to register please visit http://c.planetReg.com/cybersecurity21.

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.

2021 Primary Care Provider Recruitment Conference

The 2021 Primary Care Provider Recruitment Conference will be held on Tuesday, May 18 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Learn new information about state and federal incentive programs such as State Loan Repayment, J-1, and National Health Service Corps; primary care, dental, and mental health workforce capacity research; feedback from medical students and resident physicians in training in Delaware; the new Graduate Medical Education programs in Southern Delaware; and provider recruitment and retention strategies to navigate in the new virtual world. Visit https://tinyurl.com/primarycareconf

Premier Educational Partner Spotlight - Delaware Hospice

Since 1982, Delaware Hospice has committed to its mission of providing the highest quality health care and resources to the communities it serves. At the heart of our care is a passionate concern for individuals and their families coping with the most critical time of their lives. Delaware Hospice empowers individuals and their caregivers with education to provide comfort and personal care. They will work to develop a care plan that includes everything from symptom management, which ensures patient's comfort, to emotional and spiritual support. Their goal is to provide a holistic approach that considers the combined medical, personal, emotional and spiritual needs of the individual, who, along with loved ones, are living with a life-limiting illness. For more information https://www.delawarehospice.org/.