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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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Gov. Carney Signs 29th Modification, Eliminates Distancing and Mask Mandate

Governor John Carney on Tuesday signed the 29th modification to the COVID-19 State of Emergency declaration, eliminating social distancing requirements and removing Delaware's mask mandate effective May 21. Delawareans, visitors, and Delaware businesses should follow social distancing and masking guidance for fully vaccinated individuals issued last week by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Unvaccinated Delawareans should continue to wear masks to reduce their risk of contracting and spreading COVID-19. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/2h8cvm53>.

DE Group Health Ins. Plan Will Transition to a New PBM Effective July 1, 2021

CVS Caremark will be the pharmacy benefit manager for individuals enrolled in a State of Delaware non-Medicare health plan, administered by Highmark Delaware or Aetna effective July 1, 2021. This means members could experience changes in their formulary options and may contact providers in order to discuss alternative options, prior authorizations or step therapy requirements. CVS Caremark will reach out to members directly in advance of the transition to provide notification of any changes and suggested alternatives. Over 66,000 pharmacies including all major chains – CVS, Walgreens, Rite Aid, Walmart and Target will still be available. Retail pharmacy options will not be restricted to CVS pharmacies. Additional information about the State of Delaware non-Medicare Prescription Plan is available online at dhr.delaware.gov/benefits/cvs.

How To Talk To Your Patients About COVID-19 Vaccination

You are the most trusted resource for your patients in making health decisions. Your strong recommendation to get a COVID-19 vaccine is one of the most important factors in your patients' decision to accept vaccination. For tips on talking with your patients about the COVID-19 vaccine please check out this guide from the CDC at <https://tinyurl.com/ewj6h88m>.

Practice Management and Education Session – Cyber Security

Registration is closing 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>.

Certified Medical Office Manager Course (CMOM)

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! MSD, in partnership with the Practice Management Institute, is offering a Certified Medical Office Manager (CMOM) course on June 17, 18, 24 & 25 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Medical Society Delaware Conference Center in Newark. The CMOM curriculum is a complete resource chosen by medical office professionals seeking to expand their skills and excel in a practice leadership role. Whether you are currently running a practice or want to acquire the skills to become a practice leader, the program will explain this role in detailed, easy-to-follow modules. Participants will gain a thorough foundation for managing a successful medical practice. For more information and to register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/CMOM2021>. Seating is limited!

MGMA Supports Bill To Reform Prior Authorization

MGMA expressed support for the reintroduction of the Improving Seniors' Timely Access to Care Act (H.R. 3173) in the House, a bill that would increase transparency and streamline the prior authorization process for Medicare Advantage plans. Prior authorization requirements have been cited as extremely burdensome to group practices and an impediment to delivering care. For years, MGMA has advocated for advancements in electronic prior authorization and increased health plan transparency, but medical groups continue to report an increase in prior authorization requirements and burden. MGMA members can get involved in MGMA Advocacy by sending a letter through MGMA's Contact Congress portal to your congressional representative, urging support of H.R. 3173 by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/5xh26us8>.

Considerations for Medical Providers Supporting Patients with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in Emergency Situations

University of Delaware is offering a free training addressing the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) in emergency situations. This 1.5 hour training will include a brief didactic followed by a panel discussion. Please contact Patricia Heineman at heineman@udel.edu with questions.