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## Reminders

### 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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### Possible Listeria Contamination Of Chicken Products

The USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service announced that Tyson Foods, Inc. is recalling nearly 8.5 million pounds of ready-to-eat chicken products due to possible contamination of Listeria. The products subject to recall bear establishment number "EST. P-7089" on the product bag or inside the USDA mark of inspection. Items were shipped nationwide to hospitals, nursing facilities, restaurants, and schools. The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) issued a health alert announcing that the State has confirmed one case of Listeria associated with a multi-state outbreak of *Listeria monocytogenes* infections linked to recalled Tyson Foods ready-to-eat chicken products. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/c8j79uyu>.

### CDC Issues Health Advisory For Blood Lead Tests

The CDC is notifying health care professionals that Magellan Diagnostics, Inc. and the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have issued a recall notice concerning the use of some LeadCare<sup>R</sup> Blood Lead Tests (LeadCare II, LeadCare Plus, and LeadCare Ultra Blood). Lots were distributed between October 27, 2020, and June 15, 2021. Use of these devices may cause serious injuries because they might underestimate blood lead levels. The FDA has identified this as a Class I recall, the most serious type of recall. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/bmjc43vk>.

### Second Round of COVID-19 Support Available

The second round of funding through the Health Care Relief Fund is available to support health care providers through the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. Eligible applicants must be a health care organization or provider serving clients or patients in Delaware and have been in operation as of February 1, 2020. Funding can be used for COVID-19 related investments (such as technology upgrades, purchase of PPE, environmental modifications in health care facilities). The Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) is authorized by the State of Delaware to distribute CARES Act Relief funds to health care entities for expenses incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic. To qualify for the funding, all goods must be received and all work must be finished by October 31, 2021. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/2f7srtu>.

### CMS Releases Surprise Medical Billing Interim Final Rule

While public health insurance programs like Medicare and Medicaid already prohibit balance billing, those with job-based health insurance coverage or coverage through individual health plans frequently and unknowingly accept care from an out-of-network provider. This new rule, *Requirements Related To Surprise Billing: Part I*, aims to stop that, implementing many of the provisions of the No Surprises Act signed into law addressing medical billing at the federal level by holding patients harmless from costs of out-of-network care in certain situations. Regulations jointly issued by four federal agencies outline the protections for insured patients against surprise billing in medical emergencies and unexpected charges from out-of-network providers at an in-network facility. Out-of-network clinicians and service providers would be barred from billing patients for the difference between their charges and what insurance paid. Read CMS' interim final rule fact sheet at <https://tinyurl.com/ser9pz57>.

### PRF Reporting Portal - Reporting Period 1 Now Live

The Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Reporting Portal is **now open** for providers who need to report on the use of funds in Reporting Period 1. All recipients of PRF payments must comply with the reporting requirements described in the Terms and Conditions. Providers who are required to report during Reporting Period 1 have until September 30, 2021 to enter the Portal and submit their information. HRSA is committed to supporting the providers who have received PRF payments in completing their reporting requirements successfully. Portal registration is the first required step. For more information <https://tinyurl.com/2k8xvc25>.

### MSD Offers Certified Medical Coder Course

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN** for the Certified Medical Coder (CMC) designation which validates advanced training and knowledge as an outpatient coding professional. Certified coders are in high demand and more physicians need Certified Medical Coders who are capable of understanding the complexities of the reimbursement process. MSD, in partnership with Practice Management Institute, brings you the "Certified Medical Coder" (CMC) course and exam. This five-session certification course and exam will take place on August 5, 12, 19, 26, September 2, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Medical Society of Delaware in Newark. **Seating is very limited for COVID-19 safety.** Visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/CMC2021>