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MEDICAL FRONT OFFICE SKILLS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

October 21-22, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at the MSD Conference Center in Newark
To register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/MFOS2021>.

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After 20 Years We Still Remember and Honor Those Who Responded to 9/11

This year is the 20th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. We remember the 2,977 people who lost their lives and the sorrow of that day, but also the dedication, commitment and strength of those who responded to the tragic events. To view and read the stories of FEMA staff who served on 9/11 visit <https://tinyurl.com/2sb6cf7k>.

Delaware's Public Health Emergency Extended

Governor John Carney on Wednesday formally extended the Public Health Emergency order another 30 days to allow the State of Delaware and medical providers to continue COVID-19 vaccination and testing programs. Under Delaware law, Public Health Emergency declarations must be renewed every 30 days. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/hysmsb4x>.

COVID Vaccine and Testing Updates for Long-Term Care & Health Care Facilities

Governor Carney and the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services announced that beginning on **September 30**, staff in long-term care and other health care facilities will be required to provide proof of vaccination or to undergo regular testing to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 to vulnerable populations. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/ur45pszc>.

Flooding Causing Prescription Delays At Walgreens Pharmacies

Some Delaware Walgreens pharmacies have been temporarily unable to fill prescriptions or provide COVID-19 tests. The vendor that manages internet, phone, and computer servers for Walgreens has been impacted by Hurricane Ida. According to a Delaware Department of Health and Social Services Facebook post (<https://tinyurl.com/bftr43vr>) COVID-19 testing is closed until further notice at all Delaware Walgreens. Some Walgreens are able to process prescriptions. Please call the store ahead to ensure it can be processed. If a COVID-19 test is needed, please visit de.gov/gettested.

Over 400 CPT® Code Changes Announced for 2022

The American Medical Association (AMA) released updates to the 2022 Current Procedural Terminology code set with many aligned to new technology services and COVID-19 vaccine administration. Of the 405 changes, there are 249 new codes, 63 deletions, and 93 revisions. There are a series of 15 vaccine-specific codes for reporting and tracking immunizations and administrative services against the coronavirus. The AMA offers a vaccine code finder resource (<https://tinyurl.com/466j8jcd>). For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/ypyvrcef>.

MSD Hot Topic CME Event - Performance in Late Career Physicians

The Medical Society of Delaware presents the next Hot Topic CME on Thursday, September 23, 2021 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm. This virtual presentation is intended for physicians and will discuss physician aging and competency, as well as review of history, rationale, and implementation of age-based physician assessment programs. This activity has been approved for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. To register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/HotTopicLateCareerPhysicians>.

Practice Management and Education Session - HIPAA Rules: Are You Compliant?

Please join us for the next Practice Management and Education Session, presented by Dwayne Downs, MSD's Training & Compliance Coordinator. This session will provide an overview of HIPAA policy and procedures, how to implement a HIPAA plan and much more. The virtual event will be held on **Thursday, September 30th from 12:00 – 1:00 pm**. To register please visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/HIPAA>.

AMA letter to CMS on Requirements Related to Surprise Billing

The American Medical Association submitted a comment letter to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services on the Interim Final Rule (IFR): Requirements Related to Surprise Billing; Part I. To read the letter please visit <https://tinyurl.com/2yjsfzrz>.

DPH Announces First Human Case of West Nile Virus

The Division of Public Health (DPH) announced that a 69-year-old Kent County man was infected with West Nile Virus (WNV), the state's first case of human WNV since 2018 when 10 human WNV cases were reported, including two deaths from the illness. Delawareans are reminded that the possibility of contracting mosquito-transmitted diseases will continue until colder autumn temperatures arrive in mid-October or later. To report suspected cases of human WNV, call the DPH Office of Infectious Disease Epidemiology at (888) 295-5156. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/bp4ksfw>.