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2021 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

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

MSD IS ON FACEBOOK

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RENAL ROUNDS – LECTURE SERIES

December 9th at 7 pm. To register <https://tinyurl.com/4yc3t7pf>

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Medicare's Perfect Storm

On January 1, 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will drastically reduce payments (<https://tinyurl.com/5m5mtb6h>) for certain health care providers. If Congress does not act to stop these cuts, it will further strain practices that are still struggling to keep their doors open during the ongoing pandemic. Physician practices face a stack of Medicare financial hits amounting to a 9.75 percent cut. Recently, Reps. Ami Bera, MD (D-CA) and Larry Bucshon, MD (R-IN) circulated a "Dear Colleague" letter highlighting the financial uncertainty within the Medicare payment system and the dangers facing the physician community if Congress fails to enact legislation to address these problems. Please contact our Delaware Senators and Representative to tell them to cancel the cuts! <https://tinyurl.com/zpnwph9a>.

Delaware Endorses COVID-19 Booster for All 18 and Older

Following action Friday by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) advisory committee (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices [ACIP]), Delaware's Division of Public Health (DPH) is encouraging all fully vaccinated Delawareans 18 and older to get a booster dose of Pfizer, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccines. Though ACIP went a bit further and recommended boosters for persons 50+ regardless of any health conditions, and 18 – 49 based on individual risks and benefits, DPH like other states, is stating eligibility in simpler terms of 18+ to reduce confusion created by prior federal recommendations. For more information on second, third, and booster doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, visit de.gov/boosters.

Reminder - MSD 2022 Membership Renewal Period Begins

The 2022 membership renewals are being prepared for all current members. We are pleased to inform you that 2022 membership renewal rates have remained the same with no increase. MSD has worked hard on your behalf and has expanded its reach to include environmental health issues, as well as to begin working on diversity, equity, and inclusion within our organization and throughout the health care system. Your 2022 membership renewal can be completed by logging into the MSD website or by mail. All 2022 membership renewals are due by January 1, 2022. Please contact MSD Membership Manager Michelle Seymour with any questions at (302) 224-4905 or Michelle.Seymour@medsocdel.org.

Provider Relief Fund Reporting Reminder

Providers will not be able to submit a report after November 30, 2021 and will be required to return all funds to be compliant with Reporting Period 1. A 60-day grace period is currently in effect for providers who failed to meet the Reporting Period 1 deadline. The grace period allows providers to come into compliance with PRF reporting requirements. The grace period will end November 30, 2021 at 11:59 pm ET. **Please complete your report in the PRF Reporting Portal by this deadline.** By keeping your PRF payment(s), you attested to Terms and Conditions which includes a requirement to report on the use of the payment(s) in order to comply with the legal requirements of the CARES Act, which establishes that recipients of PRF payment must submit reports and maintain relevant documentation. Non-compliant providers who fail to submit a completed report by the end of the 60-day grace period on November 30, 2021, will be subject to further enforcement actions such as repayment or exclusion from receiving and/or retaining future PRF payments – including any applicable Phase 4/ARP Rural payments. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/63xm4jpv>.

Marketplace Open Enrollment Now Thru January 15, 2022

Do you know anyone who does not have health insurance? There are currently 12 health insurance plans available in Delaware through the federal Marketplace. Four of Five consumers can obtain 2022 coverage for less than \$10/month! Quality Insights certified "Navigators" are providing FREE assistance to consumers, walking through the application and plan selection process step-by-step. Open enrollment ends January 15, 2022, please share this flyer. For more information <https://tinyurl.com/sdd6tcjd>.

MSD Holiday Closing – Happy Thanksgiving

The Thanksgiving holiday is observed as a time to be thankful and to remember and embrace those who enrich our lives. The Medical Society of Delaware is thankful for each and every one of our members. Your involvement, commitment, and passion to improve the health of the citizens of this state cannot be matched. May the Thanksgiving holiday be a day to reflect on the wonderful things in your life to be thankful for. The MSD offices will close at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, November 24, and will reopen on Monday, November 29 at 8:00 am. Wishing you a very happy Thanksgiving!