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## Reminders

### 2022 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

Get your 2022 HIPAA, mandatory OSHA, & BLS training scheduled with MSD Compliance Coordinator Dwayne Downs at 302-366-1023.

### MSD IS ON FACEBOOK

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## DPH COVID-19 Briefing a Welcome in These Confusing Times

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH), in partnership with the Medical Society of Delaware, held a virtual briefing for physicians and practice managers on Wednesday evening, January 12. DPH Medical Director Rick Hong, MD discussed the details of available COVID treatments, isolation and quarantine guidance, as well as COVID-19 testing. A recording and slides are accessible on the MSD website [www.medicalsocietyofdelaware.org](http://www.medicalsocietyofdelaware.org).

## MSD 2022 Insurance Payer Workshop (Virtual)

Start the new year off right and register for the MSD Insurance Payer Workshop on Thursday, January 20, 2022 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Receive the latest updates by the major insurance payers for 2022. Representatives from Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Highmark, United Healthcare, and CMS will present. To register, visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/InsuranceWorkshop2022>.

## Vaccine Mandate For Federally Funded Facilities

The Supreme Court on Thursday blocked the Biden administration (<https://tinyurl.com/yr7z6f7p>) from enforcing a vaccine-or-testing mandate for large employers with 100 or more persons, but has allowed a mandate requiring vaccinations for most health-care workers (<https://tinyurl.com/4zsfzu3m>) at facilities that receive federal funding. CMS is already implementing its health care worker vaccination rule in 25 states and territories that were not covered by preliminary injunctions, which Delaware was not one of the 25 states. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/5dcaadf7>.

## Implementing the No Surprises Act

Register to join the American Medical Association (AMA) for a webinar on **Thursday, January 20 at 1:00 p.m. (ET)**, "Implementing the No Surprises Act." The No Surprises Act, which aims to protect patients from the financial impact of surprise medical billing, became law on January 1. Learn what you need to do immediately to comply with the new law. AMA experts will address implementation of the Act, as well as enforcement challenges and the interaction between state and federal surprise billing requirements. To register <https://tinyurl.com/mr32h3kn>.

## Insurers/Group Plans to Cover Cost of At-Home COVID-19 Tests

The Biden-Harris Administration is requiring (<https://tinyurl.com/4n23awmh>) insurance companies and group health plans to cover the cost of over-the-counter, at-home COVID-19 tests. Individuals with private health coverage can get them for free starting January 15<sup>th</sup>. The new coverage requirement means that most consumers with private health coverage can go online or to a pharmacy or store, buy an over-the-counter COVID-19 diagnostic test that is authorized, cleared, or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and either get it paid for up front by their health plan, or get reimbursed for the cost by submitting a claim to their plan. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/57xjemyc>.

## Delaware Health Insurance Marketplace Enrollment Deadline

Delawareans have until Saturday, Jan. 15, to sign up for health coverage for 2022 through Delaware's Health Insurance Marketplace. For those who enroll by the deadline and pay their first premium, coverage will begin Feb. 1, 2022. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/yckude75>.

## Governor Signs Universal Indoor Mask Mandate

Governor John Carney on Monday signed a revision to the State of Emergency declaration, requiring Delawareans to wear masks in indoor public settings effective January 11, 2022 For more information and exemptions, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2jztahdx>.

## Provider Notification Request-Rabies

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) will be collecting data on potential human exposures to rabies in a REDcap survey effective Jan. 1, 2022. This will eliminate the need to complete and fax the exposure report to DPH. REDCap is a secure web application for building and managing online surveys and databases. To report a potential exposure to rabies, please visit our webpage link below and click on the link titled "Report a Potential Rabies Exposure." Potential human exposures to rabies are defined as situations where the saliva or brain/nervous system tissue of a potentially infectious animal is introduced into a bite wound, open cuts in skin (scratches from nail OR tooth), or onto mucous membranes such as the mouth or eyes. All potential exposures, regardless of vaccination status, should be reported to DPH in a timely manner. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/2p89zvvb>.