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2022 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

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

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Mandatory Reporting Training for Medical Professionals – SB 283

The Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline and the Board of Nursing are responsible for establishing continuing education requirements for medical professionals licensed by these Boards. Senate Bill 283 requires practitioners who treat adults to take continuing education on the diagnosis, treatment, and care of patients with Alzheimer's or other dementias. MSD opposed this legislation on all fronts (read the MSD/DNA Joint letter of opposition at <https://files.constantcontact.com/01c210be101/ed908aa8-7a8e-48f9-9073-3425c00fc030.pdf>). According to the Delaware Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline, the following requirement must be completed during each biennial medical license renewal period **beginning with the 2025 renewal cycle**. Senate Bill 283 requires all medical professionals who work with adult patients or in the field of gerontology in a health care setting to complete at least one (1) hour of continuing education on the topic of diagnosis, treatment, and care of patients with Alzheimer's disease or other dementias. During license renewal in 2023, you will be required to acknowledge your understanding that, you will have to complete this mandatory CE requirement starting in renewal cycle 2025, if you work with adult patients or in the field of gerontology in a health care setting. MSD will be working closely with the Delaware Board of Medical Licensure & Discipline to obtain further clarification on how this will effect specific practices and specialties prior to the 2025 renewal cycle. Please continue to watch your communications from MSD.

MSD Continues ACCME Accreditation Status

MSD is proud to announce that it achieved reaccreditation by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) for four years as a provider of continuing medical education (CME) for physicians. Accreditation in the ACCME system seeks to assure the medical community and the public that MSD provides evidence-based science, quality initiatives, clinical best practices, and the latest medical guidelines to our physicians and other health care professionals. That means better outcomes for patients in our community.

AMA CPT Coding Alert

The Current Procedural Terminology (CPT®) Editorial Panel (the Panel) recently approved new vaccine product codes and new vaccine administration codes for the administration of **two bivalent vaccine products** to address severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) (coronavirus disease 2019 [COVID-19]): **a booster dose of the Moderna bivalent vaccine for patients aged 6 months through 5 years; and a third dose of the Pfizer vaccine for patients aged 6 months through 4 years.** The vaccine and administration codes for both bivalent products are effective as of Dec. 8, 2022, as that is the date that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) issued the emergency use authorization (EUA) for both vaccines. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/yjmj2zrt>.

2022 MIPS Hardship Application Deadline: January 3rd

The deadline to submit a 2022 MIPS Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances (EUC) Exception application is **January 3, 2023**. Practices that need the relief may miss the opportunity to file a MIPS exception application, especially since the EUC deadline coincides with the upcoming holidays, continued COVID PHE, and the severe staffing shortages. The American Medical Association has reached out to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) requesting CMS once again automatically apply the automatic EUC for 2022 MIPS reporting. Alternatively, at a minimum requesting CMS extend the 2022 MIPS EUC deadline until the end of the 2022 data submission period, which is March 2023. Information will be shared should the policy change to provide additional relief from MIPS.

In the interim, physicians that are interested in requesting a 2022 MIPS EUC and avoiding a 2024 payment adjustment may do so by going to the CMS MIPS EUC Exception application page until 8 p.m. ET on January 3, 2023 at <https://tinyurl.com/MIPShardship2022>. Learn more about the COVID-19 flexibilities at <https://qpp.cms.gov/resources/covid19>.

MSD Annual Virtual Food Drive

MSD is raising money to help the Food Bank of Delaware address the increase in need for hungry Delawareans. With every \$1 raised, the Food Bank of Delaware can provide three meals. Let's help our fellow citizens in their time of need. Access the virtual donation site to make your donation. It is quick, easy, and convenient. **Donations will be accepted through December 17th.** Thank you for making a difference! To donate please visit <https://give.fbd.org/team/466583>.