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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.

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Happy Holidays From MSD

MSD shares the spirit of the season with all our members, friends, and family. Happy holidays from all of us at the Medical Society of Delaware! Our office will be closing early at 3 pm on Thursday, December 22 and Thursday, December 29. In addition, our office will be closed on the following days in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holidays: Friday, December 23; Monday, December 26; Friday, December 30; and Monday, January 2.

MSD Mission Appeal

Make your tax-deductible, year-end donation (<https://tinyurl.com/3zbk7swb>) to the MSD Mission Appeal by midnight on December 31st to help us reach out 15, 000 goal!

MSD and Food Bank of DE Join Together for Virtual Food Drive

This holiday season, give the hope of a holiday meal. People in Delaware continue to struggle and food banks are in need of help to fill their shelves. Your donation can help provide three meals for every dollar given. Reach out and make an impact in the Delaware community. To donate visit <https://give.fbd.org/team/466583>.

Director of Division of Professional Regulation Leaving

MSD was notified on Monday that Geoffrey Christ, R.Ph., J.D., Director of the Delaware Division of Professional Regulation (DPR), has tendered his resignation to pursue an out-of-state opportunity. His last day with DPR will be Monday, December 26th. Ms. Shauna Slaughter will serve as Interim Director.

Delaware Healthcare Association - CEO Announces Retirement

The Delaware Healthcare Association (DHA), the state's hospital trade group, announced that longtime president and CEO Wayne Smith is stepping down. He will continue to serve DHA in an advisory capacity through February 28, 2023, while the association initiates a national search for his replacement. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/yc6u726b>.

HHS Proposes to Standardize Electronic Transactions

CMS on behalf of the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), issued the proposed rule, "Adoption of Standards for Health Care Attachments Transactions and Electronic Signatures, and Modification to Referral Certification and Authorization Transaction Standard (CMS-0053-P)." If finalized, the proposed rule, would adopt standards for "health care attachments" transactions, such as medical charts, x-rays, and provider notes that document physician referrals, and office or telemedicine visits. The modifications to the adopted Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) transactions would support both health care claims and prior authorization transactions, standards for electronic signatures to be used in conjunction with health care attachments transactions, and a modification to the standard for the referral certification and authorization transaction. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/mwswfbr7>.

MSD 2023 Insurance Payer Workshop

Registration is open for the next MSD Practice Management and Education Session: 2023 Insurance Payer Workshop. This session will be held virtually on **Thursday, January 26, 2023, from 8:30am – 12:00pm**. Invited payers include Aetna, Amerihealth Caritas, CMS, Cigna, Highmark, and United Healthcare. To register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/2023INSPAYERWORKSHOP>.

HHS Warns of Ransomware Attacks Against HC Sector

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is warning the health care sector that it is under threat of cyberattacks from a human-operated ransomware called Royal. It has demanded ransoms up to millions of dollars. For more information <https://tinyurl.com/yuryw24f>.

Changes to COVID-19 Testing Access in Delaware

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) has announced changes to COVID-19 testing access in Delaware. Based on operational needs, Curative has decided to not to renew its contract with the State to provide testing services when it expires at the end of the year. As a result, **Wednesday, December 28 will be the last day for Curative test site collections**. Other Curative sites, such as the one at the University of Delaware, have already closed. **Friday December 23 will be the last day for Curative testing at Delaware State Service Centers**. DPH wants to assure there is ample access to COVID-19 testing in the state, particularly in the event of a winter surge. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/mr48vnt9>.