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2023 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

Get your 2023 HIPAA, mandatory OSHA, & BLS training scheduled with MSD Compliance Coordinator Dwayne Downs at 302-366-1023.

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Happy New Year From MSD

In observance of the New Year's holiday, MSD will be closed Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2. MSD wishes all of our members, friends and family a safe, healthy and prosperous 2023!

DE Health Alert - COVID-19 Therapeutics for Treatment and Prevention Update

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is updating previously issued Health Alert Network (HAN) supplements to emphasize for healthcare clinicians and the public that the majority of Omicron sublineages circulating in the United States have reduced susceptibility to the monoclonal antibody bebtelovimab and monoclonal antibody combination cilgavimab and tixagevimab (Evusheld). As a result of the reduced susceptibility, on November 30, 2022, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) removed the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for bebtelovimab for the treatment of patients with COVID-19. Evusheld remains authorized for pre-exposure prophylaxis for persons with moderate to severe immunosuppression and for those whom vaccination with any available COVID-19 vaccine is not recommended due to a history of severe adverse reaction to the vaccine or its components. Clinicians should be aware and communicate to patients that its effectiveness may be limited against the current circulating Omicron sublineages. Antiviral therapeutics ritonavir-boosted nirmatrelvir (Paxlovid), remdesivir (Velkury) and molnupiravir (Lagevrio) have retained activity against current Omicron sublineages and can prevent severe disease, hospitalization, and death. These antivirals are widely available. Visit https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/.

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 our \$15,000 goal!

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

This holiday season, give the hope of a 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. Campaign closes December 30th.

Mandatory Reporting Training for Medical Professionals

The 2023 Mandatory Reporting Training for Medical Professionals will be available on January 1, 2023. Licensed physicians must take the 2023 Mandatory Reporting training even if they recently completed mandatory reporting training. This training must be completed before every medical license renewal. Physicians are required to attest to completing the training on their license renewal application. Complete training at https://stateofdelaware.csod.com/default.aspx?c=courts-oca. Once training is completed, medical professionals can then reapply for licensure through the Division of Professional Regulation's website at https://delpros.delaware.gov/OH_HomePage.

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 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.