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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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National Physician Suicide Awareness Day – September 17th

While physician suicide was a crisis long before COVID-19, the demands of the pandemic have created a sense of urgency to better support physicians' mental health and wellbeing. National Physician Suicide Awareness Day (#NPSADay) is a reminder and call to action. In 2021, #NPSADay reached 1.2 million people and received sign-on support from 54 organizations that resulted in a total of 26,000 actions taken to prevent suicide. But it doesn't have to stop there. With your help, every day we can make time to talk, and to act, so physicians' struggles don't become mental health emergencies. We can all help prevent physician suicide by learning the signs, starting the conversations, understanding the underlying barriers and sharing the resources that can help those in distress seek mental health care. For more information, please visit <https://npsaday.org/>.

Governor Carney Extends Public Health Emergency

Governor Carney has formally extended the Public Health Emergency order another 30 days to allow the State of Delaware and medical providers to continue COVID-19 vaccination and testing programs. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/govetendsphe>.

Virtual Certified Medical Coder Course

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET CERTIFIED! Registration is closing soon for the Certified Medical Coder (CMC) course. Earning the CMC coding credential will improve confidence when communicating with physicians, third-party payers, patients, and business associates. This virtual five-session certification course will take place on September 29, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10 from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm. For more information and to register visit <https://reg.planetReg.com/CMC 2022>.

Mastering Your Financial Plan for Retirement Virtual Session

Please join us for a virtual Retirement Planning session on Thursday, September 22, 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Presented by Diamond State Financial Group, Medical Society of Delaware Insurance Services (MSDIS), and Cover & Rossiter, CPA's. This session will provide an overview on Social Security, Medicare Benefits, Medical Malpractice Tail Coverage, Tax Strategies and more. To register <https://tinyurl.com/hpnrraps>.

Public Health Alert Web Portal Provides COVID-19, Monkeypox, and Flu Updates

To provide information about current public health issues of elevated concern, the Division of Public Health (DPH) launched a Public Health Alert web portal, de.gov/PublicHealthAlerts, on September 1. The user-friendly central landing page provides access to the COVID-19, monkeypox, and flu web pages. COVID-19 information can still be found at de.gov/coronavirus, monkeypox information can still be found at de.gov/monkeypox, and flu information can still be found at flu.delaware.gov. A new webpage to provide information about monkeypox was also unveiled at the same time.

Bivalent COVID-19 Booster Vaccine Now Available in Delaware

Updated COVID-19 vaccine booster doses, called bivalent boosters, are now available to individuals who completed their primary vaccination series (two doses of Pfizer, Moderna or Novovax, or one dose of Johnson & Johnson) two months earlier. The Moderna and Pfizer bivalent boosters target two strains of COVID-19 – the original strain of the virus and two of the Omicron variants (BA.4 and BA.5), the current most widespread variants in the world. Individuals may choose either the Pfizer or Moderna bivalent booster, regardless of which primary series vaccine or original booster dose they had previously. The Pfizer bivalent booster is currently authorized for ages 12 and older; while Moderna's is currently authorized for 18 years of age and older. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/5n6r689n>.

It's Time to Get Your 2022 Flu Vaccine

The 2022-23 influenza season begins October 3, 2022. The Division of Public Health (DPH) reminds Delawareans 6 months of age and older to get their annual flu vaccine for protection against flu illness, hospitalization, and death. Visit flu.delaware.gov and cdc.gov/flu, or call 1-800-282-8672.

Managing Socio-Economic Forces Impacting Employee Benefits

After years spent trying to maneuver the impacts of the Affordable Care Act, small business owners have found themselves further burdened over the past couple years from various pandemic, social and economic forces. Fortunately, there are options available. The Medical Society of Delaware Insurance Services (MSDIS), offers its members access to My Benefit Advisor as a solution for employee benefits, including voluntary offerings. For more information about My Benefit Advisor, visit our website at www.mybenefitadvisor.com or contact Sharon Ruth at (302) 397-0173.