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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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Delaware has a NEW Medicaid Payer; Deadline to Sign Up is Fast Approaching!

The Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) has approved a third Medicaid payer for the State of Delaware. Delaware First Health, a subsidiary of their parent company, Centene, is a new Medicaid payer that is now entering the Delaware market. Delaware First Health will now be 1 of 3 Medicaid Payers in Delaware (in addition to Highmark Health Options and AmeriHealth Caritas). **Delaware First Health is working hard to develop a physician network in preparation for Medicaid Open Enrollment which is October 1, 2022. If your practice accepts Medicaid, you will likely want to become a participating provider ASAP before the approaching deadline (10/1).** For more information about the health plan, contracting, credentialing and participation, please contact Lori Ann Rhoads at the Medical Society of Delaware, at 302-224-5182 or via email at LoriAnn.Rhoads@medsocdel.org.

Tell Congress to Cancel the Cuts!

Physicians are facing another round of Medicare payment cuts by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Unless Congress acts by the end of the year, physician Medicare payments are planned to be cut by 8.42 percent in 2023 which would severely impede patient access to care due to the forced closure of physician practices and put further strain on those that remained open during the pandemic. Tell Congress to stop the cuts: <https://tinyurl.com/59w54zyh>.

CDC Updates Masking Guidance for Health Care Facilities

Last Friday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued updated guidance regarding infection prevention and control for health care personnel during the COVID-19 pandemic. The updated guidance provides health care facilities with some flexibility in using COVID-19 community transmission levels and the risk of transmission within their own facilities when determining needs for specific types of masking and personal protective equipment. However, at high community transmission levels or increased risk of transmission within a facility, CDC continues to recommend source-control masking and respiratory personal protective equipment for everyone in a health care setting. With the current levels of community transmission in Delaware and the potential for increased transmission of COVID-19/influenza as the fall and winter approach, along with staffing difficulties many facilities are facing, the Delaware Division of Public Health continues to encourage source-control masking and respiratory protection within health care facilities. Read full update at <https://tinyurl.com/2a8ssexj>.

Virtual Practice Management & Education Session: Cyber Security & HIPAA

How vulnerable is your practice when it comes to HIPAA requirements and Cybersecurity? Registration is open for the next Virtual Practice Management & Education Session on October 21, 2022, from 12:00-1:00 pm. This session will be presented by Dwayne Downs, MSD, Training & Compliance Coordinator and Sharon Ruth, USI, Healthcare Client Advocate, MSDIS. For more information and to register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/HIPAAcybersecurity>.

Public Service Loan Forgiveness Waiver Program

Due to the complicated nature of the PSLF program established in 2009, the department of education is allowing borrowers to fix mistakes on their initial PSLF applications. Until October 31st, borrowers may apply for forgiveness and get extra payments towards the loan forgiveness counter, despite not meeting the initial requirements. Join this Webinar on **Tuesday, October 4th at 5:30** to learn more, to register visit <https://tinyurl.com/3sv3zmr9>.

Meet Ricki Jacobson of MyBenefits Advisor

For over 20 years Ricki Jacobson of MyBenefits Advisor have helped Employer Teams and their Employee's with health insurance needs, with the past 11 years focused solely on Medicare. There are so many rules and regulations that need to be navigated when turning 65 or when approaching retirement. Ricki's priority is to educate beneficiaries about Medicare rules and focus on each person's specific needs so they can make an informed decision about their Medicare coverage. For more information on visit <https://tinyurl.com/23nempzs>.

Up Coming Event:

October 5, 2022 - Highmark BCBS Delaware Virtual Town Hall, Medicare Advantage Plan, 12:00-1:00 pm. Join the meeting <https://tinyurl.com/3yuf2n3f>. Meeting ID: 289091000242, Meeting passcode: Wna8jX
October 7- 8, 2022 - Delaware ACC by the Sea: 2022 Chapter Meeting, 5:00-8:00 pm. To register <https://tinyurl.com/26vmjmz>.