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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.

MEDICAL FRONT OFFICE SKILLS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

February 16 & 17, 2023, 9:00am - 3:00pm. To register <https://reg.planetreg.com/MFOS23>

CERTIFIED MEDICAL OFFICE MANAGER COURSE (CMOM)

April 5, 12, 19, 26, 9:00am - 4:00pm. To register <https://reg.planetreg.com/CMOMDOVER2023>.

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Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has released updated national Medicare physician payment files that incorporate the changes in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. Specifically, in response to concerted advocacy by organized medicine, Congress reduced the 4.5% cut to Medicare physician payment by increasing the 2023 conversion factor by 2.5%. Physicians will face a 2% cut in Medicare payment in 2023, and 2024 will bring at least a 1.25% cut. The updated 2023 Medicare physician payment schedule conversion factor will be \$33.8872. The \$1.7 trillion bill signed by the President does include a number of important provisions that physicians should know about. The omnibus bill extends:

- Telehealth payment and regulatory flexibilities for two years. (<https://tinyurl.com/69uku9e6>)
- The alternative payment model bonus at 3.5% and delays the scheduled increase in the revenue threshold. (<https://tinyurl.com/3dakmu3w>)
- The Medicare Acute Hospital Care at Home waiver for two years. (<https://tinyurl.com/mr49h9mz>)

The new law also adds:

- An exception to the Stark law to allow hospitals and other entities to provide evidence-based programs to boost physician resiliency and mental health and prevent suicide among physicians.
- A permanent option for states to provide Medicaid coverage for 12 months postpartum. (<https://tinyurl.com/ywh33dp7>)
- 200 more graduate medical education positions, 100 of which will be in psychiatry or psychiatric subspecialties.
- A requirement for Medicare Part B coverage of compression garments to treat lymphedema.

For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/37jvtf5>.

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>.

CMS Extends the MIPS EUC Application Deadline

The original deadline to submit a 2022 MIPS Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances (EUC) Exception application was originally reported as January 3, 2023. Due to American Medical Association (AMA) advocacy and outreach to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), CMS has extended the deadline to file a 2022 MIPS Extreme and Uncontrollable Circumstances hardship extension until **March 3, 2023**. Physicians who feel they have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2022 may file a MIPS hardship exemption with CMS to avoid a 2024 MIPS penalty. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/2fsmwyw9>.

Mandatory Reporting Training for Medical Professionals

The 2023 Mandatory Reporting Training for Medical Professionals became 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://tinyurl.com/2fkybtw>. Once training is completed, medical professionals can then reapply for licensure. **The State has provided a step-by-step guide to assist with navigating the website and choosing the correct course for your profession** at <https://tinyurl.com/42ubjkk4>. For technical issues, please report to OCA.Training@delaware.gov or call 302-255-1730.

Experience SCOPE of Pain Education!

Join this FREE live webinar on **Tuesday, February 28, 2023, from 6:30-9:00 p.m. ET**. *SCOPE of Pain* is an in-depth training that focuses on:

- Effective communication skills and the potential risks and benefits of opioids for managing acute and chronic pain
- The assessment of opioid misuse risk and recognition and treatment of opioid use disorder
- Helping you safely and effectively manage patients with acute and/or chronic pain, when appropriate, with opioid analgesics.

For more information and to register for FREE visit <https://tinyurl.com/ha9jyfcx>.