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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.

### MSD'S PUBS & POLITICS IS COMING TO SUSSEX COUNTY

February 21st beginning at 5:30 p.m. at JD Shucker's in Georgetown. To register <https://tinyurl.com/bddphdhy>

### MSD'S HOT TOPIC CME EVENT LGBTQ+ AND MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

March 22nd at 6:00 pm. To register <https://tinyurl.com/5ck8vst6>

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## 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>. MSD does not have access to DELPROS. You must contact the State for questions and/or technical assistance at [OCA.Training@delaware.gov](mailto:OCA.Training@delaware.gov) or call 302-255-1730.

## Medicare Prescription Drug Inflation Rebate Program

Effective January 1, 2023, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (<https://tinyurl.com/v78jedmd>) requires drug companies that raise their prices for certain Medicare Part B drugs faster than the rate of inflation to pay Medicare back for the difference. On February 9, CMS sent educational material (<https://tinyurl.com/y956b539>) to prescribers and Medigap plans advising that, beginning April 1, 2023, beneficiary coinsurance for certain Part B drugs (including biological products) with prices that increase at a rate faster than inflation will be adjusted so that coinsurance for people with Medicare reflects the lower inflation-adjusted payment amount.

## FDA Safety Alert – Unapproved Potassium Phosphates Drug

FDA is warning health care professionals and pharmacies to avoid using Hospira's unapproved potassium phosphates drug product in pediatric patients because the aluminum exposure from this product is unsafe for this population. This product alone may produce daily aluminum exposures of up to twice the FDA-recommended limit for parenteral nutrition, with additional aluminum exposure expected from the other components of parenteral nutrition. For more details, visit <https://tinyurl.com/5n6wr6vt>.

## Allergy Alert Issued on Undeclared Spice Seasoning

Wismettac Asian Foods, Inc., Santa Fe Springs, CA is recalling 10.58 oz packages of Shirakiku brand Spice Seasoning products (Spice Ichimi Togarashi 300g and Spice Shichimi Togarashi 300g). The product package of Ichimi spice seasoning contains Shichimi spice seasoning contents (incorrect package) causing the undeclared allergen of sesame seeds. People who have an allergy or severe sensitivity to sesame run the risk of serious or life-threatening allergic reaction if they consume these products. The product was distributed in Delaware amongst other. Read more at <https://tinyurl.com/36hvdc6m>.

## Quality Insights Navigators Will Assist Medicaid Recipients Who Lose Coverage

The Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) recently announced that eligibility reviews will restart on April 1st, after providing continuous coverage since March 2020 when the COVID Public Health Emergency was declared. Many individuals will be eligible to enroll in Marketplace coverage. Quality Insights (QI) can help avoid gaps in coverage, which will occur between April 1, 2023 and July 31, 2024. When notification is received that Medicaid or CHIP coverage will end, patients can contact QI for free assistance in submitting a Marketplace application. Read more at [www.DEHealthPlanConnect.com](http://www.DEHealthPlanConnect.com).

## SNAP Benefits Changing March 1<sup>st</sup>

The Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) wants to ensure that all community partners are aware of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits changing March 1 due to a recent change in federal law passed in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023. More details are included in the DHSS Policy Brief <https://tinyurl.com/ypvhddkx>.

## 2023 Premier Educational Program Partner Spotlight



Premier Educational Partners have joined with the Medical Society of Delaware in supporting high quality professional medical education for Delaware physicians and other health care professionals to advance the health and well-being of Delaware's citizens. Diamond State Financial Group (DSFG) provides customized solutions to assist you in reaching your financial goals. DSFG offers a comprehensive line of products and services, and can assist with such needs as college funding, and retirement or estate planning, as well as enrollment in MSD's group 401(k) plan. DSFG is committed to helping you accomplish your long-term financial objectives. For more information, please visit <http://www.dsfg.com/>.