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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 VIRUTAL

May 4 & 5, 2023, 9:00am - 3:00pm. To register <https://reg.planetreg.com/MFOS23>

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Blood Bank Declares First Blood Emergency of 2023

The Blood Bank of Delmarva (BBD) declared its first blood emergency of 2023. The blood emergency is due to several evolving factors, including school breaks, cold and flu season, and the lingering effects of COVID-19. In January 2023, BBD received 1,000 fewer donations than the previous January. The number of blood donations still are not back to pre-pandemic levels. Compounding the problem is a continued lag in first-time and youth donors, which remain one-third below (33%) pre-pandemic levels. BBD needs all blood types, including O negative and O positive blood. In addition to whole blood donors, platelet donors are urgently needed. With a shelf life of just five days, BBD relies on dedicated platelet donors to help patients undergoing chemotherapy, those with bleeding disorders, new mothers, and more. Visit www.DelmarvaBlood.org to schedule an appointment to donate, or call 1-888-8-BLOOD-8.

Recreational Marijuana Bills Pass the House

Bill one of a two bill effort to make recreational marijuana legal in Delaware passed the House of Representatives on Tuesday. It has been assigned to the Health and Social Services Committee in the Senate. House Bill 1 (<https://tinyurl.com/bdefdzdj>) would eliminate all penalties (including a civil penalty; adult use, possession and sharing of personal use quantities; and fines for possessing or using "marijuana accessories") for possessing 1 ounce or less of marijuana by those 21 years of age or older. The legalization of recreational marijuana would be accomplished through enactment of House Bill 2 (<https://tinyurl.com/ycx39yvx>) (the Delaware Marijuana Control Act), which would establish the framework for marijuana sales. HB 2 would also create the Delaware Marijuana Control Act Oversight Committee to coordinate the statute's implementation and review its impact on the public health and safety. HB 2 with House Amendments 1 and 2 has been sent to the Senate Health & Social Services Cmte.

MSD Hot Topic CME

LGBTQ+ & Mental Health Awareness, Creating a Supportive Space

Join MSD for a virtual "Hot Topic" education session on **Wednesday, March 22nd at 6:00 p.m.** Speaker Wesley Ingram, Program Manager, NAMI Delaware, will present on *LGBTQ+ and Mental Health Awareness, Creating a Supportive Space*. Learn more and register at <https://tinyurl.com/muj52j5d>.

Practice Management Education Session: Top 10 Ways to Guarantee a Lawsuit

Registration is open for the next virtual Practice Management & Education Leadership Series: Top 10 Ways to Guarantee a Lawsuit on **March 23, 2023, 12:00-1:00pm**. This session is presented by Beena Thomas, Senior Advisor Risk Solutions, CURI and will provide you with insight into common pitfalls that can lead to a malpractice claim. It will discuss ways that every practice employee, physician and practice staff alike, can help create a positive experience for patients—and, ultimately, help prevent claims. For more information and to register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/LawSuitWebinar>.

Register to Attend the MSD 2023 Interim Council Meeting

The MSD 2023 Interim Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, April 20, 2023, at the Smyrna Opera House, located at 7 W. South St., Smyrna, DE. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with a half-hour cocktail social, followed by the Interim Council Meeting. All MSD members are invited to attend. Council members are highly encouraged to register early to ensure receipt of meeting materials to review prior to the meeting. For more information and registration, visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/MSDINTERIM2023>. Resolution submission deadline is Monday, April 3rd.

MSD Night at the Blue Rocks

Tickets are available to watch the Wilmington Blue Rocks take on the Aberdeen Iron Birds on **Tuesday April 25, 2023**. Game time is **6:35 pm** at Frawley Stadium in Wilmington. By registering for this event, you are reserving (1) entrance ticket for yourself to watch the game from a suite and stadium food will be provided. Space is limited, and this is a MSD member only event. Tickets will be provided via email prior to the event date. *The tickets for this event are being offered at no charge to MSD members. All MSD members must be current & membership dues for 2023 paid. Please contact MSD to renew if needed.* To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/yran7ma8>.

Spring Forward – Daylight Saving Time Begins March 12

Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 2:00 AM. On Saturday night, clocks are set forward 1 hour (i.e., losing one hour) to "spring forward."