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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.

REGISTER TO ATTEND THE MSD 2023 INTERIM COUNCIL MEETING

April 20, 2023 at the Smyrna Opera House, located at 7 W. South St., Smyrna, DE at 6:00pm. To register <http://c.planetreg.com/MSDInterim2023>.

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MedPAC Calls for Physician Payment Update

For the first time, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) called for a physician payment update tied to the Medicare Economic Index (MEI). The American Medical Association (AMA) has long championed this move and appreciates MedPAC's acknowledgement that the current Medicare physician payment system is inadequate – a critical first step toward the larger, necessary work of reforming Medicare to make it more rational and serve patients better. Also, the AMA and 134 other health organizations, including the Medical Society of Delaware – representing 900,000 physicians and tens of millions of Medicare patients – wrote congressional leaders, telling them that a full inflation-based update is “the principal legislative solution to the ongoing problems plaguing the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule.” The letter notes that Congress has passed stopgap measures in the past few years to mitigate threats to Medicare physician payments. Yet, practice costs have outpaced those efforts. The gap between frozen physician payment rates and rising medical practice costs due to inflation will continue to widen. A permanent solution is needed to avoid this annual panic and legislative chaos. The full letter can be found <https://tinyurl.com/5n6h28sp>.

Companies Using MSD to Legitimize Emails to Members

MSD wants you to be aware that outside vendors are continuously finding ways to bypass firewalls to get their messaging and advertising in front of you on your digital devices. Vendors may even allude to working directly with MSD. Please know that MSD, our subsidiaries, and our foundations (MSDIS, MedNet, Health Hub, Delaware Foundation for Medical Services, and Delaware Medical Education Foundation) will never share member email information with outside vendors without your permission. Please do not open emails you are not familiar with or click on links within an unfamiliar email as they can contain a virus. You can report annoying vendors to your IT representatives. You can also block unwanted emails in Outlook under the "Junk" tab. MSD's website has a listing of valid MSD Affinity Partners and Premier Educational Program Partners listed on our website (MedicalSocietyofDelaware.org) to ensure the email you receive is valid. You can also always contact MSD to check whether a company is associated with any MSD activities or initiatives.

DPH Announces Medical Professional Recruitment Push

The Division of Public Health (DPH) is continuing its recruitment push to attract more medical professionals to live and work in Delaware. DPH, in conjunction with the Middletown-based Epic Marketing Consultants Corporation, developed a recruitment video (<https://tinyurl.com/9a7uutyv>) touting the benefits of being a health care professional in Delaware. The video features a number of health care professionals from across the state, including MSD members and other familiar faces. Delaware has a number of federally designated Health Professional Shortage Areas (HPSAs) and Medically Underserved Areas (MUAs) seeking highly qualified professionals in the areas of family practice, pediatrics, internal medicine, gynecology/obstetrics, dentistry, and psychiatry. Medical professionals living in Delaware may also be eligible to receive financial benefits. DHSS is available to link medical professionals with the programs best suited to their needs and interests. Call the Division of Public Health's Primary Care Office at 302-741-8599 or visit <https://tinyurl.com/yr9fv5hk> to learn more.

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>.

Medical Front Office Skills Certificate Program – Virtual Class

Join us May 4 & 5, 2023, 9:00am - 3:00pm for a live virtual Medical Front Office Skills Certificate Program. The role of the medical office receptionist has changed. No longer are the duties of front desk personnel limited to answering the phone and making appointments for patients. Learn more about this important training at <https://reg.planetreg.com/MFOS23>. COVID-19 protocols will be followed. Seating is limited!