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## Reminders

### 2023 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

Get your 2022 HIPAA, mandatory OSHA, & BLS training scheduled with MSD Compliance Coordinator Dwayne Downs at 302-366-1023.

### MSD IS ON FACEBOOK "Like"

the Medical Society of Delaware Facebook page for informative posts, pictures and events. <https://www.facebook.com/MedicalSocietyofDelaware/> or @medicalsocietyofdelaware

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## HR Update: We Weathered the Storm – Now What for Practices?

Please join us for the next Practice Management & Leadership Education session, entitled **HR Update: We Weathered the Storm – Now What for Practices?** on **Wednesday, May 24, 2023, 12:00 – 1:00 pm**. This is a live virtual event. This session, presented by Linda Pappajohn, Director of HR Consulting Services, will cover important topics to include: New state and federal employment regulations, Employee Handbook update, Interview 'ghosting', Work habit changes post-COVID, Using Gender Pronouns in Workplace Communications, DE's new Healthy Families Act, Paid Leave Laws, Work place concerns and much more. To register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/HRUpdate23>.

## End of Life Bill Introduced in Delaware

House Bill 140 was introduced in the Delaware General Assembly last week, similar to legislation that has been introduced and debated in previous sessions. Representative Paul Baumbach is the sponsor of the bill. Currently, the bill has been assigned to the Health & Human Development Committee in the House. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/5n7yvkwtw>.

## COVID-19 No Longer a Global Health Emergency

Last Thursday a committee of global health experts met to discuss whether COVID-19 should still be considered an emergency under the World Health Organization's (WHO) rules. The next day the WHO lifted its designation (<https://tinyurl.com/24s6e43b>), signifying an assessment that the danger posed by the coronavirus pandemic has lessened, but remains a global health threat. The WHO Director-General announced the publication of the 2023-2025 COVID-19 Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan (<https://tinyurl.com/5ysny4mu>) designed to guide countries in transitioning to long-term management of COVID-19. The US is scheduled to end its public health emergency status today (May 11).

## DEA, SAMHSA Extend COVID Telemedicine Flexibilities

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) issued the "Temporary Extension of COVID-19 Telemedicine Flexibilities for Prescription of Controlled Medications." This temporary rule extends telemedicine flexibilities adopted during the COVID-19 public health emergency and became effective May 11, 2023. This temporary rule extends the full set of telemedicine flexibilities for six months - through November 11, 2023. For physician/patient telemedicine relationships that have been or will be established up to November 11, 2023, the full set of telemedicine flexibilities regarding prescription of controlled medications established during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency will be extended for one year - through November 11, 2024. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/bdzknmk2>.

## Oral Health Screenings Bill Passes House

Sponsored by Rep. Kim Williams, House Bill 83 requires every public and charter school to provide kindergarten students with an oral health screening by the last day of each school year. A referral to a dentist (if required), will be provided by the Bureau of Oral Health and Dental Services. The school requirements are contingent on the Delaware Smile Check Program, or comparable program to provide free oral health screenings to all enrolled kindergarten students, remaining in effect. HB 83 has been assigned to the Senate Education Committee. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/4byhpm6>.

## MSD Pubs and Politics

Wednesday, May 17th at 5:30 pm at Frazier's Restaurant in Dover. This event series is for MSD members. Join your colleagues for a chance to hear and discuss issues one-on-one with state legislators, while enjoying good food and beverages. To register <https://tinyurl.com/unmmz99e>.

## MSD HOT Topic CME

MSD presents its next virtual Hot Topic CME education event "Policy Opportunities for Addressing Stigma and Removing Professional Licensing Barriers for Clinicians Seeking Mental Health Care in the State of Delaware" to be held on **Tuesday, June 6th** beginning at 6pm. To register <https://tinyurl.com/yc7ywjav>.

## Controlled Substance Registration (CSR) Deadline June 31st

All active CSR renewals must be completed through the DELPROS system <https://tinyurl.com/yj5s2fnv>. As a condition of CSR renewal, registrants will be asked to attest to completion of two hours of continuing education in the areas of controlled substance prescribing practices, treatment of chronic pain, or other topics related to prescribing controlled substances. For more details, visit <https://tinyurl.com/2zk8r8e9>.