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2023 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

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

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Memorial Day Observance - Monday, May 29th

The Medical Society of Delaware offices will be closed beginning at 3 pm on Friday, May 26th through Monday, May 29th in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

MSD HOT Topic CME

MSD presents its next virtual **Hot Topic** CME education event on June 6th at 6:00pm entitled "Policy Opportunities for Addressing Stigma and Removing Professional Licensing Barriers for Clinicians Seeking Mental Health Care in the State of Delaware", presented by Heather Farley, MD, Chief Wellness Officer for ChristianaCare and Meredith Tweedie, Esq., Vice President of Government Affairs, Policy & Regulatory Strategy for ChristianaCare. For more information and to register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yc7ywjav>.

FDA Approves New Buprenorphine Treatment Option

On Tuesday this week, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Brixadi (buprenorphine) extended-release injection for subcutaneous use to treat moderate to severe opioid use disorder (OUD). Brixadi is available in two formulations, a weekly injection that can be used in patients who have started treatment with a single dose of a transmucosal buprenorphine product or who are already being treated with buprenorphine, and a monthly version for patients already being treated with buprenorphine. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/3frervmu>.

Proposal for Medicaid Prescription Drug Transparency

On Tuesday this week, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), proposed steps to further drive down prescription drug costs in Medicaid. CMS' latest notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) would shed light on the actual cost of drugs covered by Medicaid. Under this proposal, Medicaid would have increased ability to hold drug manufacturers accountable for what Medicaid programs pay for drugs. Provisions of the proposed Medicaid rule are to increase transparency on prescription drug costs, increase transparency of managed care plans, and increase transparency in drug classifications. CMS is accepting public comment on the NPRM through July 25, 2023. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/mu8ehsr8>.

What Does the End of the COVID-19 PHE Mean?

Most tools, like vaccines, treatments, and testing, will remain available. But, some tools, like certain data sources and reporting, will change. Read more about availability and limitations of the COVID-19 tools and the metrics that will remain, be modified, added to, or removed from the current reporting information at <https://tinyurl.com/4y5b6dp5>.

MSD Voluntary Initiative Program News

The MSD Voluntary Initiative Program (VIP) is part of Health Care Connection (HCC) (<https://tinyurl.com/5cn6j3z2>), a state-funded program that helps coordinate charitable medical services and provides additional health service resources for uninsured and under-insured patients. In addition, VIP's Medication Assistance program saves patients significant money on their medication and medical supplies. Physician participation adds value and improves medical outcomes for patients enrolled in HCC. Physicians and other health care professionals who are employed by Delaware hospitals (Beebe Healthcare, ChristianaCare, Saint Francis Healthcare, and Tidal Health) are automatically participants in VIP. A corresponding questionnaire has been developed for new physicians and other health care professionals joining health systems or for private practicing physicians who wish to enroll in VIP. If you have questions regarding the VIP program, please contact Michelle Seymour at 302-224-4905 or email Michelle.Seymour@medsocdel.org. Employed Physicians and Health care professionals - use this link to update your information for VIP - <https://tinyurl.com/mstwkc6p>. Private Physicians and Health care professionals - use this link to enroll in VIP - <https://tinyurl.com/mpbazckw>.

MSD Hosts Successful Practice Management & Leadership Education Session

MSD hosted a live virtual Practice Management & Leadership Education Session this past Wednesday, May 24, 2023, which was presented by Linda Pappajohn, Director of HR Consulting Services. The presentation included important HR related topics on 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, The Crown Act, Remote Work Policy, Pregnant Fairness Act and much more. Save the date for the next Education Session on Practice Operations 101 scheduled on September 28, 2023. Registration and details soon to come!