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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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MSD PUBS AND POLITICS

May 17th at 5:30 pm at Frazier's Restaurant in Dover. To register <https://tinyurl.com/unmmz99e>.

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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>.

#FixPriorAuth - Letter Urges CMS to Finalize Proposed Rule

Last year the US House of Representatives passed the Improving Seniors' Access to Timely Care Act, bipartisan legislation. Unfortunately, the bill failed to receive a floor vote in the Senate. However, late last year the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) offered new proposed rules that, once finalized, would align with many of the key provisions of the Improving Seniors' Access to Timely Care Act. Champions in both the House and Senate began circulating a "Dear Colleague" letter urging CMS to promptly finalize the proposed rule. In particular, the letter urges CMS to include a mechanism for Medicare Advantage (MA) plans to issue real-time prior authorization decisions for routinely approved services, establish a 24-hour deadline for MA plans to respond to emergent prior authorization decisions, and provide detailed transparency metrics. **Please contact the Delaware Representative and Senators, urge them to sign on to this important "Dear Colleague" letter today** <https://tinyurl.com/57uudahw>.

DEA Temporarily Extends Remote Prescribing Flexibilities

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Administrator Anne Milgram indicated the DEA is extending the current flexibilities to buy some time to consider whether the agency should require patients to see physicians face-to-face to get prescriptions for controlled drugs or continue to allow telehealth prescriptions. For this reason, last week, DEA, in concert with the Department of Health and Human Services, submitted a draft Temporary Rule to the Office of Management and Budget entitled "Temporary Extension of COVID-19 Telemedicine Flexibilities for Prescription of Controlled Medications." For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/yc4trm7e>.

Health & Wellness Event

The Christina Secretaries' Association is hosting a Health & Wellness event on **Tuesday, May 16th from 4:45 - 6:15 pm** at the Delaware State Education Association located at 4135 Ogletown-Stanton Rd, Ste. 101, Newark. They are looking for **health care professionals to attend the event to conduct a diabetes screening, blood pressure, or to check body alignment**. Tables will be available and electric. They estimate 25 members attending, ranging in age between 30-65. If you are interested in helping, please contact Karen Ewing, President at KAREN.EWING@CHRISTINA.K12.DE.US.

CMS Provides Updates to Coverage for COVID Tests

The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency is to end on May 11, 2023. The ending of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) may impact an individual's coverage of COVID-19 tests. We encourage you to know these changes and share the New Consumer Fact Sheet on COVID-19 tests: English - <https://tinyurl.com/3ckjsdtm> and Spanish - <https://tinyurl.com/4n4p7t39>. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will stop tracking the spread of COVID in communities and, instead, rely more on COVID-related hospitalizations, much like the spread of the flu is currently tracked. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/y8zmt439>.

MSD Pubs and Politics

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

Gold Medal All Purpose Four Recall

General Mills announced a voluntary national recall of two-, five- and 10-pound bags of its Gold Medal Unbleached and Bleached All Purpose Flour with a "better if used by" date of March 27, 2024, and March 28, 2024. The recall is being issued for the potential presence of Salmonella Infantis, which was discovered during sampling of the five-pound bag product. Consumers are asked to dispose of affected products by this recall. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/ycy2kmrs>.