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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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### Juneteenth Federal Holiday - MSD Office Closed

June 19th, or Juneteenth, is a federal holiday commemorating the official end of slavery in the US. In honor of the Juneteenth holiday, MSD offices will be closed on Monday, June 19th. For more information on Juneteenth visit <https://tinyurl.com/y66h53xn>.

### Recall of Rechargeable Walnut Wearable Smart Thermometers

BearCare, Inc. is recalling the rechargeable Walnut Wearable Smart Thermometer after receiving reports of skin burns and irritation from use of the device. Potential overheating and leakage of corrosive chemicals from the device could cause skin irritation, burns, other serious injuries, or death. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/ywsyd2ch>.

### AMA Annual Meeting Adjourns, Delaware Has Success!

MSD'S RESOLUTION ADOPTED! For the Delaware Delegation attending the 2023 American Medical Association (AMA) Annual Meeting, the highlight of the meeting was the adoption of Delaware's resolution submitted on social media and gun violence. Emanating from a resolution adopted by MSD Council at its Annual Meeting in November 2022, "Minimizing the Influence of Social Media on Gun Violence" directs the AMA to call upon social media sites to aggressively remove postings glorifying the use of guns and gun violence, work with social media sites to provide educational content on the use of guns and inherent dangers, and creates new AMA policy recommending social media sites continuously update and monitor algorithms to detect and eliminate information on guns that influences viewers to act violently. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/nhc4z549>.

### Prior Authorization Bill Introduced

Last Thursday, Senate Bill 10 (SB 10) was introduced by Senate Majority Leader Bryan Townsend and State House Majority Whip Melissa Minor-Brown. The "Delaware Pre-Authorization Reform Act of 2023" seeks to reform the prior authorization process by: The bill shortens the timelines for the determination of pre-authorization requests and notification to the health care professional. By January 1, 2024, insurers and others must accept and respond to electronic pre-authorization requests through the same platform as the electronic request was submitted. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/2pe36zw9>.

### Medical Front Office Skills Certificate Program

This live virtual class will be held on **August 9, 16 and 23 from 10 am – 1 pm**. Setting high performance standards in the front office will lead to more informed and satisfied patients, smoother workflow, and a healthier revenue cycle. Attendees will learn essential responsibilities to excel in a patient-interfacing role. Emphasis on quality care measures, overall patient satisfaction, workflow, compliance, and the bottom line are key ingredients that make-or-break office success. Class includes discussion on new health care communication and compliance challenges. To register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/MFOSJune>.

### CDC Data: Third COVID Vax Safe for Kids 6 mos-5 Yrs

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that data from the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting system and v-safe voluntary smartphone health checker reflect that a third COVID-19 vaccine dose is safe for children 6 months to 5 years old. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/ye5chdvp>.

### Advancing Healthy Lifestyles

Hosted by the Delaware Health & Social Services (DHSS), Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH)'s Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Obesity Prevention (PANO) Program, Concept Systems Inc., and Mathematica, the most recent Advancing Healthy Lifestyles Learning Series Session highlighted community-based nutrition initiatives of three community partners whose projects are supported by DPH's Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Obesity Prevention (PANO) Program. Panelists discussed their work to promote healthy lifestyles within their communities and reviewed their ongoing work to address community need, challenges, and shared the lessons learned. MSD is sharing a link to the recording (<https://tinyurl.com/nv6naj59>) of the education session, as well as a link to the slides (<https://tinyurl.com/5xarf7s>).

### The Rabies Virus Webinar

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) presents an educational opportunity for health care personnel to learn more about the rabies virus, including exposure reporting, risk assessment, wound care treatment, vaccination, human rabies cases, and more. Two virtual sessions will be held on **Wednesday, June 28: 7-8 am and 5-6 pm**. To register visit <https://tinyurl.com/y5yec7bw>.