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Reminders

2023 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

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MSD HOT Topic CME

MSD presents its next virtual **Hot Topic** CME education event on **June 6th at 6:00 pm** 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>.

Physicians Needed to Help with Men's Health Fair

NeighborhoodGoodPartners.org is presenting a Men's Health Fair (<https://tinyurl.com/4hjd7c3z>), on **June 15 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm** at the Solid Rock Community Center, 109 N. West St. in Dover. The goal of the event is to educate and bring awareness to men of all ages in the prevention of illness and early death by providing preventive services and resources. They are seeking health care professionals and speakers to participate in this educational event for men. If you are interested in helping with screenings and/or education, please contact Rona Harris, Restoring Central Dover Community Development Manager at rharris@neighborgoodpartners.org or by calling (302) 313-6318.

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>.

FDA Proposes New Medication Guide

Currently, patients may receive one or more types of written information for prescription drugs and certain biological products, depending on the medication they are prescribed. Studies have found that the current system for written information for prescription drugs and certain biological products can be confusing, conflicting, incomplete, or repetitive. To address this problem, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is proposing to require a new type of Medication Guide called Patient Medication Information for prescription drugs and certain biological products (both brand name and generic) used, dispensed, or administered on an outpatient basis, as well as for blood and blood components transfused in an outpatient setting. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/3nkru6pr>.

Rise to Health Initiative Launched

AMA, others launch Rise To Health in effort to prioritize health equity Healthcare Finance News (5/31, Morse) reports, "On Tuesday, the American Medical Association, the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) and Race Forward officially launched Rise to Health, a call to action for providers, payers, pharma and professional societies to make health equity a priority." The initiative "will have enforcement teeth in the form of establishing a set of measures across numerous participants." AMA Chief Health Equity Officer and Senior Vice President Aletha Maybank, MD, MPH, "called it 'collective accountability,'" adding, "We need data measurement. There's a whole measurement component, with input from different folks." Moreover, "a unified strategy is the most effective way to create meaningful change, said" AMA President Jack Resneck Jr., M.D. Resneck added, "The ultimate goal of this coalition is to combine disparate efforts on health equity." For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/mr3uwz3j>.

PHE Ends: Is The Pandemic Over?

The COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) expired on May 11th. But that doesn't mean the deadly respiratory illness has disappeared, warned Deb Houry, MD, MPH, chief medical officer and deputy director for program and science at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). To read more visit <https://tinyurl.com/yckrsrvb>.

FDA Approves Second RSV Vaccine

On Wednesday, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved Pfizer's vaccine, Abrysvo for older adults with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), making it the second vaccine against RSV for seniors. Earlier in May, the FDA approved Arexvy, the world's first RSV vaccine for older adults, made by GSK. Both vaccines could be available by fall, pending recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and its vaccine advisers, who are scheduled to meet in June. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/mwww2dub>.