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2023 HIPAA/OSHA/BLS TRAINING

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Reminder! Controlled Substance Registration, MATE Act Training Requirements

The Controlled Substance Registration (CSR) biennial renewal deadline is **June 30, 2023**. All active CSR renewals must be completed through the DELPROS system at <https://tinyurl.com/yj5s2fnv>. The US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) informed DEA-registered practitioners of the training that will meet the requirements of the Medication Access and Training Expansion (MATE) Act that requires new or renewing DEA registrants, as of **June 27, 2023**, to have completed a total of at least eight hours of accredited continuing education on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders before renewing their registration. The letter also states that physicians will be able to simply check a box on their DEA registration application or renewal form indicating that they have satisfied this training requirement. The DEA letter includes information on prior trainings on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders that can count towards a practitioner meeting this requirement. Please refer to the DEA letter (<https://tinyurl.com/2s457jv>) for specifics about qualifying education in meeting the requirements. The AMA also has worked to identify the educational resources that will satisfy the MATE Act. Please visit the AMA EdHub™ for courses that satisfy the MATE Act <https://tinyurl.com/3bcpj5rs>.

Abiomed Recall on Impella 5.5 with SmartAssist Sets

Abiomed is recalling specific Impella 5.5 with SmartAssist sets after receiving customer complaints about purge fluid leaking from the purge sidearm of the pump. If the leak issue is not resolved, persistent low purge pressure and purge flow may lead to pump stop and loss of therapy. In patients who are critical, failure of the pump's support can lead to further deterioration and worsening of their already critical condition, and may even lead to death. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/445yvfnp>.

COVID Vax Mandate Withdrawn for Health Care Workers

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has formally withdrawn (<https://tinyurl.com/yc8nsx42>) the COVID-19 vaccine mandate for health care workers, according to a final rule (<https://tinyurl.com/yc8nsx42>) published in the Federal Register on Monday. The Omnibus COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination interim final rule rescinds the requirement for workers and contractors at Medicare- and Medicaid-certified facilities to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccine mandate for health care workers has been in place since November 2021.

Merit-Based Incentive Payment System in June

The Merit-based Incentive Payment System (MIPS) program can be overwhelming. June is a great time to check on your MIPS reporting to see if you are on track. To help optimize scores and minimize practice burden, Chirpy Bird, a health care quality and regulatory consulting firm, has provided a list of some things to look at right now. With an approach of reviewing MIPS duties month by month, you may be able to earn a higher MIPS score and focus on your practice. It is an ideal time to check in on your Quality measure data to see what is working and what is not (<https://tinyurl.com/5pu4r4uz>). If you haven't already, start documenting your improvement activities now. A relatively new requirement, MIPS Safety Assurance Factors for EHR Resilience (SAFER) guides (<https://tinyurl.com/nha5a35j>) are a prerequisite that should be completed as soon as possible.

Physicians Needed to Help with Men's Health Fair

[NeighborhoodGoodPartners.org](https://www.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@neighborhoodgoodpartners.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>.