

## CMS New 2019 Physician Fee Schedule Rule

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*Proposed Changes Modified After  
Outcry from Physicians*



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Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued its final Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) for 2019. Last summer CMS issued a proposal to overhaul the evaluation and management coding structure, which met with loud opposition. CMS decided to postpone any changes until 2021. CMS is also adding payment for "virtual care" or telemedicine. Medicare will now reimburse for using "communication technology-based services" including brief "check-ins" and evaluation of "pre-recorded images and/or video." The agency also made changes to Part B drug reimbursement. [Read more.](#)

# MSD Gets YOU Answers On CMS's New Fee Schedule

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## *Special Webinar Scheduled For MSD Members*

In an  
effort to  
help  
MSD



members learn the ins and outs of the new Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Physicians Fee Schedule for 2019, we are offering a FREE lunchtime webinar for our members on December 5th from noon-1:00 p.m (\$25.00 for non-MSD members). CMS will present the changes and how they will affect your practice. [To register.](#)

## **Support DELPAC Over a Cup of Coffee!**

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### *The Midterms May Be Over But DELPAC Is Still Working For YOU!*



Are you in the mood to be treated to top tier, specifically tailored gourmet coffees, teas, espressos, lattes, and cappuccinos? DELPAC members who attend the Annual Meeting

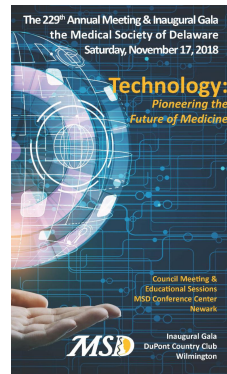
on Nov. 17th will be treated the creations of an amazing barista, all while mixing and mingling and talking politics with MSD's highly acclaimed political lobbying agency, the Byrd Group. This exclusive benefit is ONLY for DELPAC members and will be open from 7:00-11:00 a.m. Want to join the fun? [Join DELPAC now!](#)

## MSD Annual Meeting & Educational Sessions

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*Don't Miss It! Registration Closing Sunday!*

The Medical Society of Delaware's 229th Annual Meeting will be Saturday, November 17 starting at 7:00 a.m. at the MSD Conference Center in Newark. This year's educational programming will include presentations on biodegradable sensors, 3D medical printing, and the world of blockchain technology that is reinventing information and data collection and sharing. [To register](#). [View brochure](#).



## You Are Invited! MSD 2018 Inaugural Gala

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*Register Now!*



Mark  
your

calendars for the Medical Society of Delaware's 2018 Inaugural Gala, Saturday, November 17 at the DuPont Country Club in Wilmington. Break out your fancy clothes and dancing shoes and join your colleagues in welcoming Andrew W. Dahlke, MD as MSD's 2019 President, as well as all of MSD's newly elected officers. Registration closes Sunday, November 11th! [To register.](#)

## Nanticoke Nurse Sews Baby Dresses For Burials

*Angel Gown Program Gets Special Donation From Felton Mother*



Nanticoke Nurse Kathy Chupp is transforming gently used wedding and formal dresses into

bereavement gowns for babies who never make it home from the hospital. Through the *Angel Gown Program*, Chupp sews as many as 17 infant gowns from one donated wedding dress, which are then matched with hats, booties, and blankets. The infant outfits are connected with hospitals around the country for those in unexpected need. [Read more.](#)

## MSD Gives Back - Donations Needed!

### *MSD Food Drive to Benefit Southern Delaware*

MSD will be collecting canned and dry goods to donate to Helping Hands of Bethel Tabernacle in Frankford, Delaware. Bethel Tabernacle is a non-denominational church that serves more than one hundred people in need of food assistance monthly. Donations will be accepted daily between Nov. 1 - Dec. 7th at the Medical Society of Delaware, 900 Prides Crossing,



Newark. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please make checks payable to Bethel Helping Hands Food bank. Tax receipts for food donations available upon request. [Read more.](#)

## "*Rerum Cognoscere*"

The Latin phrase *Rerum Cognoscere* translates to learn, examine, or become aware of facts or things. In this section we highlight measurable items of interest in health care from MSD, Delaware, the US, and the world.

<b>1</b> <b>in</b> <b>5</b> Number of scald burns on children caused by instant soups like "ramen."  CNN, Nov. 2, 2018	<b>5X</b> Males are five times more likely than females to be treated for gunshot wounds in the ED.  HealthDay, Oct. 29, 2018	<b>75,000</b> Number of injuries caused by guns that sent U.S. children and teens to the ED from 2006-2014.  TIME, Oct. 29, 2018
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## Upcoming Events

**November 10** - [Orthopedic Pearls and Hot Topics in Sports Medicine](#), 7:00 a.m., - 1:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

**November 13** - [MSD Practice Management Session: Delaware Prescription Drug Monitoring Program](#), 8:00 - 10:00 a.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

**November 17** - [Medical Society of Delaware's 229th Annual Meeting & Inaugural Gala](#). MSD

Conference Center, Newark / DuPont Country Club, Wilmington.

**November 19** - [American Board of Medical Specialties Maintenance of Certification Meeting](#), 5:30 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**December 5** - MSD presents: [Final Rule For the 2019 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Webinar](#), 12:00-1:00 p.m. Free for MSD members.

**December 10** - [2018 Health Summit: Communicable Diseases](#), 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.



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