

## Call to Action - "No Surprise Act"

*Make Your Voice Heard!*



**From the AMA and MSD:** The House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health is scheduled to "markup" H.R. 3630, the "No Surprises Act." While we support the patient protections included in this and other relevant bills, we cannot support the provisions that would resolve payment disputes between physicians and insurers by setting rates at the median in-network amount. Delaware's Congresswoman Lisa Blunt Rochester is on this committee. We urge you to call TODAY using the grassroots hotline at **(800) 833-6354** and let Congress know that any surprise billing legislation should:

- Establish benchmark rates that are fair to all stakeholders in the private market; benchmark rates should include actual local charges as determined through an independent claims database.

- Establish a fair and independent dispute resolution (IDR) process to resolve disputes about payments from insurers to unaffiliated providers for services rendered out-of-network to their beneficiaries.
- Protect patients from out-of-network billing and preserve patient access to hospital based care by holding insurers accountable for addressing their own contributions to the problem.

[Read more.](#)

## Nemours Starts Pediatric Dental Residency Program

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*First of its Type Program in Delaware*



Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children has announced it has added a pediatric dental residency program. The two-year program, qualified by the American Dental Association, is designed to train more dentists to care for medically complex and special needs patients as well as healthy children. The program, the first pediatric dental residency program in Delaware, began July 1. [Read more.](#)

## Christiana Care Opens Non-Opioid Pain Center

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*Alternative Therapies Offered For Pain*

## *Relief*

Christiana  
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System is launching the first of its kind non-opioid pain treatment center. The Comprehensive Pain Center will be located at Christiana Hospital and will focus on helping patients combat pain without relying on opioids. Among other services, the Center will offer consultations for opioid tapering strategies, referrals to outpatient group clinical psychology sessions, and integrative therapies such as myofascial release and acupuncture. [Read more.](#)

## **Bayhealth Milford Memorial Shares Moving Day**

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*Four Months Later, Hospital Running Smoothly*



Bayhealth Milford Memorial planned for months on how to successfully transition their patients to the new Bayhealth Sussex Campus. In early February, hundreds of hospital staff worked together to successfully and safely transport more than 60 patients to the new facility. The hospital is now up and running to positive reviews. [View moving](#)

## Delaware Overdose Review Commission Report

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### *Data Shows Path Toward Reducing Overdose Deaths*

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Delaware Drug Overdose Fatality Review Commission (DOFRC) has released its first annual report to Governor John Carney and the General Assembly with recommendations aimed at reducing overdose deaths in Delaware based on a review of the circumstances of deaths over the past year.

- 3% of incidents occurred where naloxone was not available
- 50% of the cases reviewed had a history of a prior non-fatal overdose
- 30% had previously been detained with the Department of Correction; of those whose release dates could be confirmed, 50% suffered a fatal overdose within 3 months of release and 75% suffered a fatal overdose within 1 year of release.
- 52% had been seen at an emergency department in the three months prior to their overdose
- 25% of cases reviewed had a documented history of mental health crisis intervention

The Commission recommends making naloxone available to at-risk individuals through a variety of channels, including primary care settings, emergency departments, first responders, medically-assisted treatment programs, and Department of Correction facilities. [Read more.](#)

## Delaware Unplanned Pregnancy Rate Dropping

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*DelawareCan Campaign Making Progress*



Unplanned pregnancy rates are dropping significantly in the first state and many believe it is because of a program called Delaware CAN (Contraceptive Access Now). This initiative between Upstream USA and the state of Delaware helps increase access for all women in Delaware to the full range of contraceptive methods. Upstream provides the training, technical assistance, and quality improvement to all publicly funded health centers and the largest private providers in the state. According to a report released by Child Trends, the rate of unplanned pregnancies has dropped from 106 per 1,000 in 2014 to 80 per 1,000 in 2017.

[Read more.](#)

## Delaware Day 2019 - Health Care Job Fair

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*Know Someone Looking for Work in Health Care?*

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Delaware Health Sciences Alliance is hosting a free health care job fair for all residents, DIMER students, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants, this Saturday, July 13th from 9:00 a.m. - noon at Del-One Conference Center, Delaware Technical Community College, Terry Campus. The event will feature representatives from all Delaware hospitals and health systems who are actively looking to fill key positions. This is an ideal opportunity to network with recruiters and decision makers. [To register.](#)

## MSD Physician Leadership Series

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*Fine-Tune Your Leadership Skills*

Join your colleagues from across the state to learn about important leadership concepts specifically designed for physicians. The "Excellence in



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## "*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>40%</b>	<b>500%</b>	<b>90%</b>
Percentage of all HIV infections in 2017 that were contracted by black, Hispanic, and Latino men.	Increased percentage of men using pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for prevention of HIV since 2014.	Approximate percentage of effectiveness for preventing HIV infection by using pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).
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## Upcoming Events

**Aug. 8** - ProAssurance Physicians Risk Management Seminar - [Out of Bounds: Previous Claims Under Further Review](#), 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Chase Center on the Riverfront, Wilmington.

**Aug. 22** - ProAssurance Physicians Risk Management Seminar, [Out of Bounds: Previous Claims Under Further Review](#), 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Virden Retreat Center, Lewes.

**Aug. 22** - [7th Annual Addiction Medicine Symposium](#), 12:00 - 5:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**Sept. 10** - [Practice Management Session: Active Shooter Presentation](#), 8:00 - 10:00 a.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

**Sept. 12-13, 19-20** - [Certified Medical Office Manager \(CMOM\) Course and Exam](#), 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Eden Hill Medical Center, Dover.

**Sept. 13** - [Inaugural Sepsis Symposium](#), 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.



**Sept. 14** - [Contemporary Approaches to Heart & Valve Disease](#), 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Virden Retreat Center, Lewes.

**Sept. 19** - SAVE THE DATE: Dr. Neal Barnard of George Washington School of Medicine presents, "Using the Power of Nutrition for Health," hosted by MSD O.B.V.I.O.U.S. and School Health Subcommittee, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

**Sept. 20** - SAVE THE DATE: Dr. Margaret I. Handy Annual Memorial Lectureship, John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.


**Sept. 21** - [3rd Annual GI Symposium](#), 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

**Sept. 21** - SAVE THE DATE: 8th Annual Psychiatric Society of Delaware (PSD) Symposium, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

**Oct. 11** - SAVE THE DATE: Dementia Care 2019: Medical and Physiological Challenges in the Care of People with Dementia, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Rehoboth Country Club, Rehoboth Beach.

**Oct. 17-18** - [Trauma Resuscitation in Kids \(TRIK\) Course](#), 7:30 a.m., Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children, Wilmington.

**Oct. 26** - SAVE THE DATE: 12th Annual Delaware Orthopaedic Symposium, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

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