



Holiday Hours

Labor Day



The
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of

Delaware offices will close at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, August 30 and will reopen Tuesday, September 3rd in observation of Labor Day. We wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Register Now - MSD Roundtable With Sen. Carper

Topic: Surprise Billing

In an effort to continue open dialogue with

[REGISTER NOW](#)

our legislators, Senator Tom Carper will join MSD members in a roundtable discussion regarding surprise billing legislation and other topics of interest on **Monday, September 16th** from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., at the MSD Conference Center in Newark. We encourage all our members to pass the word to others

and register themselves and a colleague to take part in this important opportunity. This event is open to non-members. [To register.](#)

What You Should Know About Surprise Billing

Pending Bills Have Serious Flaws Affecting Physicians and Patients



Lawmakers in the U.S. House and Senate have been working to tackle the issue of surprise billing. Currently there are bills pending in both Chambers that will address the issue. Both bills would protect patients by limiting their out-of-pocket costs to amounts they would have owed if they had been treated by an in-network physician. **However, neither bill holds health insurers accountable.** Both bills would resolve payment disputes between physicians and insurers by setting out-of-network payments at the median amount each insurer pays for in-network care. This is a major concern to physicians. NOW is the time to act. Please take time to view the AMA's "[Action Kit](#)" and make your voice heard.

SSA Adds New Medical

Conditions for Disability

Compassionate Allowances Program Includes Four New Conditions



The Social Security Administration (SSA) has announced four new conditions to be added to

the Compassionate Allowances list for disability benefits. The conditions are CDKL5 Deficiency Disorder, Pitt Hopkins Syndrome, Primary Peritoneal Cancer, and Richter Syndrome. The Compassionate Allowances program helps to accelerate the disability process for people due to the severity of their condition. The list contains 237 conditions. [Read more.](#)

Bayhealth / Beebe Receive \$750,000 Grant

Federal Grants to Support Rural Residency Programs

Bayhealth and Beebe Medical Centers have each received \$750,000 in federal grant funds from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to develop rural residency programs. The two health systems were among 27

nationwide that will receive up to \$750,000 over a three-year period to develop new rural residency programs while achieving accreditation through the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education. [Read more.](#)

DE Receives Federal Waiver for Treatment Centers

More Beds Space Opening for Substance Abuse Treatment



The Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) has received a waiver to use a mix of Medicaid and state funding to provide bed space at four treatment facilities across the state. Under the waiver, MeadowWood Behavioral Health, Rockford Center, Dover Behavioral Health, and SUN Behavioral Health in Georgetown are authorized to provide services to Medicaid patients between 21 and 64 years old. Without the waiver, the state is barred from providing the services to patients under Medicaid. Delaware is the 25th state to receive a waiver for substance

abuse treatment. [Read more.](#)

Register Now - "*The Power of Nutrition*"

O.B.V.I.O.U.S. Program Scheduled

Mark
your
calendar
for a
special



O.B.V.I.O.U.S. / School Health Subcommittee presentation - *The Power of Nutrition* by Neal D. Barnard, MD, FACC on **Thursday, September 19** from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the MSD Conference Center in Newark. Discover the role of a plant-based diet in disease prevention and reversal of serious health problems. Learn how to tackle the cause of illness with special attention to nutrition, and hear why nutrient packed school lunches are critical to student health and well being. This activity has been approved for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Open to the public. [To register.](#)

A Practice Management Session Not to Miss

Active Shooter Planning and Response for the Health Care Setting



Reserve
your spot
for the
next MSD
Practice

Management & Education session
- *Active Shooter Planning and
Response for The Health Care
Setting* on **Tuesday, September
10** from 8:00 am-10:00 am at the
MSD Conference Center in Newark,
with video conferencing to
Bayhealth Kent General. Learn what
to do if your office is faced with an
active shooter situation. This
program will cover what to do in
case of an active shooter, mitigation
strategies, and what protective
measures to consider. Free to MSD
members. [To register.](#)

In Memoriam

Lennart Fagraeus, MD, PHD



MSD member
Lennart Fagraeus,
MD, PhD passed
away on Tuesday,
August 13 after a
long battle with
dementia. He was
Chairman of the

Anesthesia Department at Christiana
Care Health System from 1987 until
his retirement in 2006. There will be
a memorial service at noon on
Monday, September 16th at Old

Swedes Church in Wilmington. [Read more.](#)

Pending Member

Kimberly M. Gallagher, MD

MSD members are afforded a 7 day review period from the date of this publication to comment regarding an applicant applying for membership. Please contact Mary LaJudice at (302) 224-5183 or Mary.LaJudice@medsocdel.org with any questions or concerns.

"*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.

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illness cases	who die as a	2004 and 2014
reported in	result of using	that were
	the product.	discarded.
	World Health	JAMA Internal
	Organization	Medicine

the U.S. in the

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months.

CDC

Upcoming Events

Sept. 9 - [Understanding and Treating Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder](#), 9:00 a.m. - noon, The Chapel, Herman Holloway Health & Social Services Campus, New Castle.

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 16 - [Roundtable Discussion With Senator Thomas Carper](#), 10:00 - 11:30 a.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

Sept. 19 - [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 - [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 - [8th Annual Psychiatric Society of Delaware \(PSD\) Symposium](#), 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

Oct 4 - [Tilton Award Dinner](#) honoring Nicholas J. Petrelli, MD, FACS, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m., University & Whist Club, Wilmington.

Oct. 8 - [26th Annual E. G. Scott Microbiology Symposium](#), 7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark.

Oct 16 - [Screenagers Film Premiere](#), Presented by the MSD School Health Committee, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.

Oct. 11 - [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. 25-27 - [Delaware Academy of Physician Assistants 2019 Annual Conference](#), The Hyatt Place, Dewey Beach.

Oct. 26 - [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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