

Protecting Health Care for Delawareans

Important Delaware Health Care Bills Signed into Law



Photo courtesy of the Office of the Governor

MSD President Andrew W. Dahlke, MD joined Gov. Carney, and

other instrumental legislators and health care leaders at the signing of [SB 35](#) which codifies consumer protections of the Affordable Care Act in Delaware law - including protections for Delawareans with pre-existing conditions, the guaranteed availability of coverage, and permissible rating factors. [Senate Substitute 1 for Senate Bill 92](#) was also signed into law, providing dental coverage for all eligible adult Medicaid recipients. [Read more.](#)

MSD Newsmakers

Theodore F. Saad, MD / Prayus T. Tailor, MD,

On
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President Trump's executive order designed to cut end stage kidney disease, MSD Past President and nephrologist Prayus T. Taylor, MD and MSD member and chief of renal and hypertensive diseases at Christiana Care Health System, Theodore F. Saad, MD, were recently featured in a *News Journal* article regarding the challenges, successes, and concerns of home dialysis for kidney patients. [Read article.](#)

James Gill, MD / Uday A. Jani, MD

MSD Members Uday A. Jani and James M. Gill, MD gave their thoughts and detailed their experiences regarding alternative practice models in a recently published *Delaware Business Times* article. The article details the changing landscape in primary care practice models and the impact on physicians and patients. [Read article.](#)

Highmark Answers Questions About SER Assessment

Register Now for Free Webinar



Highmark
is
offering

free webinars on **August 28 and 29th** at noon to help explain changes to their Specialist Efficiency Report (SER). Last month, Highmark added a Quality

Assessment to the SER to complement the established Cost Efficiency score and provide greater insights to help cardiologists, orthopedic specialists, gastroenterologists, neurologists, and endocrinologists monitor quality as well as care cost. [Read more](#). [To register](#).

Medical Cannabis Provider Education Event

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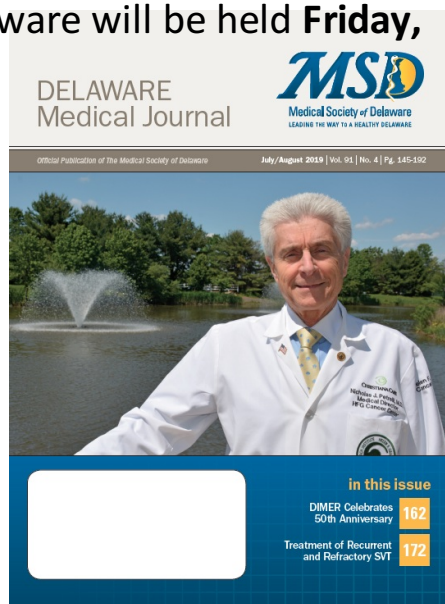
Marcu, Ph.D., COO & Director of Experimental Pharmacology and Behavioral Research at the International Research Center on Cannabis and Mental Health, as he discusses Delaware's Medical Marijuana Program and the pharmacology, science, and medicinal purposes of cannabis. The event will be held **Monday, August 19th**, 5:30-8:00 p.m. at the MSD Conference Center, Newark. MSD designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. [To register](#).

Nicholas J. Petrelli, MD, FACS Featured in DMJ

Celebrate Delaware's Famed Cancer Leader at the 2019 Tilton Award Dinner

The 2019 Tilton Award Dinner for medical

achievement in Delaware will be held **Friday, October 4th** from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the Tilton Mansion, home to the University and Whist Club in Wilmington. This year's awardee is long-time MSD member Nicolas J. Petrelli, MD, FACS who is being honored for his years of dedicated service to the profession of medicine and unfaltering commitment to cancer prevention, treatment, and research. Dr. Petrelli is featured in the July/August issue of the Delaware Medical Journal. Join your friends and colleagues in honoring Dr. Petrelli at this memorable annual event. Individual or table tickets are available now. [Read article](#). [To purchase tickets](#).



MSD Practice Management Session

Active Shooter Planning and Response for the Health Care Setting

Please join us 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. Health care facilities face a unique set of challenges in an active shooter incident. These incidents have no patterns in victim selection or method, creating an unpredictable and quickly evolving situation that can lead to loss of life and injury. Health care staff must consider response planning for patients that require the greatest allocation of resources, as well as the unique characteristics within the health care environment. This program will cover what to do in case of an active shooter, mitigation strategies, and protective measures. Free to MSD members. [To register.](#)

Don't be an Accidental Leader

Find Out Why Physicians Need Leadership Training



Join your

colleagues from across the state to learn important leadership concepts specifically designed for physicians. The *"Excellence in Physician Leadership Series, A Certificate Program in Leadership Development"* is a 12-week self-paced certificate program in physician leadership education and development. Physicians will be equipped with practical tools in finance, practice improvement, strategy, and decision-making to lead organizations in the rapidly changing

world of health reform. [To register.](#)

Why do you need this course?

- Leadership quality affects patients, health care system outcomes, and finances.
- Leadership is an important competency for physicians.
- Strong leadership is associated with less burnout & higher satisfaction.
- Leadership is key to high-quality health care.
- Health care is rapidly changing - strong leaders help guide this change!

MSD New Affinity Partner

IDShield



IDShield provides identity theft services protecting your personal information from getting into the wrong hands. Their plan benefit offers a \$1 million protection policy, unlimited service guarantee, identity, credit, social media monitoring with real time alerts, username and password combination monitoring, full-service identity restoration, child monitoring (family plan only), and 24/7 emergency access. MSD members receive a discount! As an introduction, MSD is offering a free Lunch Time Webinar on **Tuesday, September 3, 2019** from 12:00 - 1:00 pm, this session will provide an overview of the products and services offered by IDShield. [To register.](#)

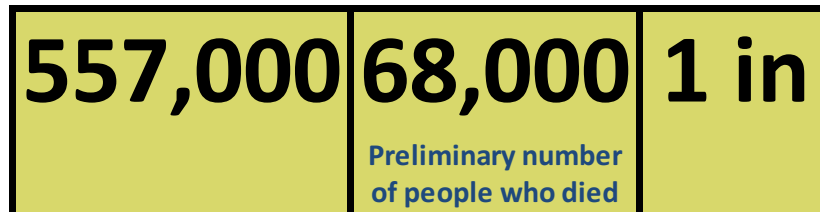
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"*Rerum Cognoscere*"

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.



<p>Number of naloxone prescriptions dispensed by U.S. retail pharmacies in 2018. Twice the number dispensed in 2017.</p> <p>CDC</p>	<p>as a result of an overdose last year - a drop of 70,000 in 2017.</p> <p>CDC</p>	<p>69</p> <p>Number of naloxone prescriptions dispensed compared to high-dose opioid prescriptions.</p> <p>CDC</p>
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Upcoming Events

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 - [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. 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. 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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