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## Reminders

### MSD MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

Membership renewal for 2019 can be paid electronically by logging into the MSD website or by mail. If your mailing address has changed recently, please contact MSD Membership Coordinator Ryan Wolfe at 302-224-4905 or [ryan.wolfe@medsocdel.org](mailto:ryan.wolfe@medsocdel.org).

### MSD IS ON FACEBOOK

"Like" the Medical Society of Delaware Facebook page for informative posts, pictures and events. Like us at: <https://www.facebook.com/MedicalSocietyofDelaware/>

### MSD MEMBERS RECEIVE DISCOUNTS ON SERVICES

See list of Affinity Partners at <http://tinyurl.com/affinitypartners>

### CONFERENCE ROOM SPACE

Need a conference room? Contact Patrick Rita at 302-224-5189.

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## Start The New Year Off Right – Insurance Payers 2019 Update

**REGISTER NOW...** Learn the latest on changes and updates by insurance payers for 2019 at the MSD Practice Management & Leadership Education Session: 2019 Insurance Payers Workshop. The session will be held on Tuesday, January 15th from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the MSD Conference Center in Newark with video conferencing to Bayhealth Hospital, Kent General Campus. Representatives of Aetna, AmeriHealth Caritas, Highmark, United Healthcare, and CMS will be on hand to answer questions. To register please visit: <https://reg.planetReg.com/2019IPW>.

## Save The Date for The Next MSD Physician Leadership Series

The Medical Society of Delaware has launched the "Excellence in Physician Leadership Series, A Certificate Program in Leadership Development" as a 12-week self-paced certificate program in physician leadership education and development which includes attendance at two required live sessions. This program will share the relevant skills necessary for leadership excellence and equip physicians with practical tools in finance, practice improvement, strategy, and decision-making to empower physicians to effectively participate in leading organizations in the rapidly changing world of health reform. **The next cohort will begin January 22, 2019 with live sessions.** To view testimonials from our recent graduates visit: <https://tinyurl.com/MSDCohortTestimonials>.

## CDC Opioid Training Modules

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) launched two new opioid trainings that support physicians in safer prescribing of opioids for chronic pain. The modules are part of a series of interactive online trainings that feature recommendations from the CDC Guideline for Prescribing Opioids for Chronic Pain, clinical scenarios, tools, and resource libraries. The modules offer free continuing education. For more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/MLN12-20>

## New Medicare Card Look-up Tool

Your Medicare Administrative Contractor's (MAC's) secure portal Medicare Beneficiary Identifier (MBI) look-up tool now returns the MBI even if the new Medicare card has not been mailed. If you do not already have access, sign up for your MAC's portal to use the tool. You can also ask your patients to call 1-800-MEDICARE to get a new card if they need one. To ensure your Medicare patients continue to get care, you can use either the Health Insurance Claim Number or the MBI for all Medicare transactions through December 31, 2019. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/MLN12-13>

## Premier Educational Partner Highlight - MSDIS

Premier Educational Partners have joined with the Medical Society of Delaware in supporting high quality professional medical education for Delaware physicians and other health care professionals to advance the health and well-being of Delaware's citizens. Medical Society of Delaware Insurance Services (MSDIS) offers a complete portfolio of insurance products and services, including medical malpractice, office packages, employee benefits, and personal insurance. MSDIS strives to provide a specialized service that is professional, exceeds expectations, and, most importantly, delights the customer. For more information please visit <http://www.usi.com/msdis/> or call 302-658-8000.

## MSD Holiday Hours

In observation of the New Year holiday, the Medical Society of Delaware will be closed on New Year's Eve December 31 and New Year's Day January 1. We hope everyone has a happy, healthy, and relaxing holiday season and for those who are working on the holiday, we thank you for your continued dedication to the practice of medicine!

## Upcoming Events: \*The following activities have been approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™

**January 8** – \*Frank M. and Robert R. Hoopes Medical/Dental Lecture 2019, 6:30 - 8:15 p.m., John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark. To register: <https://tinyurl.com/2019MDL>  
**January 13** – PAHCOM presents: MIPS 2019 - What You Need To Know About the Final Rule, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark. To register: <https://tinyurl.com/PAHCOM1-10>  
**January 23** - **SAVE THE DATE** - Maternal Health Awareness Day Program, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m., MSD Conference Center, Newark.  
**March 2** - 30th Annual Update in Cardiology, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., John H. Ammon Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark. To register: <https://reg.planetreg.com/UpdateInCardiology2019>