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2018 HEALTH SUMMIT:

December 10, 2018 at Christiana Care Ammon Center from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. To register:
<http://reg.planetreg.com/2018HealthSummit>

MSD MEMBERS RECEIVE DISCOUNTS ON SERVICES

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

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CMS Webinar: Final Rule 2019 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

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 brief webinar for our members on December 5th at noon. CMS will present the changes and how they will affect your practice. This webinar is free to MSD members and their staff, non-MSD member fee \$25.00. For more information and to register visit: <https://reg.planetreg.com/FinalRule2019Webinar>.

In Need of Expert Assistance?

You appreciate the value of MSD membership. Our Physician Relations staff is here to answer your questions, complemented by a directory of Affinity Partnerships offering discounted products and services for your practice, from HR hotline, to printing solutions, to hiring help, all having the goal to make your life easier. Soon the 2019 membership renewals will be mailed out. Don't let your physicians' renewal lapse! Make renewing a priority to cross off your list before the holidays consume your time. We want you to be able to continue to take advantage of the benefits we offer you through MSD membership.

Multi-State Salmonella Outbreak Involving Turkey Products

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) is advising Delawareans of a multi-state outbreak of Salmonella Reading infections linked to raw turkey products. The CDC says the outbreak strain has been identified in samples taken from raw turkey pet food, raw turkey products and live turkeys. Of the 85 people interviewed, 44 (52 percent) reported preparing or eating turkey products that were purchased raw, including ground turkey, turkey pieces and whole turkey. People who were ill reported buying many different brands of raw turkey products from multiple stores. Additionally, three of the 85 people who were interviewed said they became sick after pets in their home ate raw ground turkey pet food. Another three people interviewed worked in a facility that raises or processes turkeys, or lived with someone who did. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/Salmonella-Turkey>.

Flu Activity in Delaware Remains Low

After the first full month of the 2018-2019 flu season, flu activity in Delaware remains low. There have been 42 laboratory-confirmed cases of influenza in the state since the season started on September 30. There have been 15 hospitalizations since the start of the flu season, including two children. Eighty-eight percent of lab-confirmed cases are influenza strain A. No flu-related deaths have been reported in Delaware at this time. While activity is currently low, the Division of Public Health (DPH) continues to remind Delawareans to get their flu vaccine if they have not already done so. For more information: <https://tinyurl.com/DE18-19Flu>.

CDC Issues Vaccine Video

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently launched a new video for parents that takes viewers on the journey of a childhood vaccine from development through safety monitoring after a vaccine is licensed and introduced in the population. The 5-minute video explains the three phases of clinical trials, vaccine manufacturing, and how a vaccine is added to the U.S. recommended immunization schedule. To watch: <https://tinyurl.com/CDCVaccineVideo>

MSD Gives Back – Donations Needed!

This holiday season in efforts to help fight hunger, MSD will be collecting canned and dry goods (non-perishables) to donate to the Helping Hands food pantry of Bethel Tabernacle in Frankford, Delaware. Together we hope our combined donations will make a real difference for those in need. Donations will be collected between Nov. 1 – Dec 7th at the Medical Society of Delaware, 900 Prides Crossing in Newark. We will have collection boxes by the entrance, as well as by the front desk. For monetary tax deductible 501 (c) (3) donations, please make checks payable to: Bethel Helping Hands Food Bank. For more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/MSDFoodDrive>.

Upcoming Events:

November 19 - American Board of Medical Specialties Maintenance of Certification Meeting, 5:30 pm, John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Newark. To register: <https://events.christianacare.org/abms-visit/>
November 28 - Transforming Revenue Cycle Management, Timothy's Riverfront Grill & Wilmington Hall, at 6:00 pm. To register: <https://tinyurl.com/TRCM2018>