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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, MSD is hosting a webinar for our members on December 5th at 12:00 pm. CMS will present the changes and how they will affect your practice. This webinar is free to MSD members and their staff. The non-MSD member fee \$25.00. To register please visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/FinalRule2019Webinar>.

MSD Working to Streamline Prior Authorization

MSD has been working hard to help streamline and improve the prior authorization process for physicians. This year's annual meeting featured a guest speaker panel of Vince Albanese, CEO and Founder of Haven Health Solutions, Mark Jacobs, MHA, CIO of Delaware Health Information Network and Mark B. Thompson, MHSA, Executive Director of MSD. The topic received attention by Delaware Public Media with a story. To read more visit <https://tinyurl.com/MSDPriorAuth>.

CMS: Improper Payment Rate Reductions in Medicare Fee-for-Service

CMS has implemented several initiatives to address improper payments, resulting in this being the first year in improper payment reporting history that Medicare achieved reductions in all five of their programs regarding improper payment rates. For more information please visit <https://tinyurl.com/CMS-Medicare2018>.

You Can Help MSD Make a Difference This Holiday Season!

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 Tabernade 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>.

Multistate E. Coli Outbreak Involving Romaine Lettuce

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) is advising Delawareans of a multistate outbreak of E. coli infections linked to romaine lettuce. The lettuce could be contaminated with Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli O157:H7 and could make people sick. To date, there have been no confirmed cases reported in Delaware, but DPH urges consumers to take precautions to prevent illness. Consumers who have any type of romaine lettuce at home - including whole heads of romaine, hearts of romaine or bags and boxes of precut lettuce and salad mixes that contain romaine - should not eat it and instead throw it away, even if some of it was eaten and no one has gotten sick. If you do not know if the lettuce is romaine or whether a salad mix contains romaine, do not eat it and throw it away. For more information: <https://tinyurl.com/RomaineEcoli>.

Jennie-O Turkey Recalled

The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) continues to advise Delawareans of a multistate outbreak of Salmonella Reading infections linked to raw turkey products. On November 15, 2018, Jennie-O Turkey Store Sales, LLC, in Barron, Wisconsin, recalled approximately 91,388 pounds of raw ground turkey products. The recalled ground turkey was sold in one-pound packages labeled with establishment number "P-190." For more information: <https://tinyurl.com/Jennie-ORecalled>.

MSD Observes Thanksgiving

The Medical Society of Delaware wishes all of our members and affiliates a warm and happy Thanksgiving. The MSD offices will be closed on November 22-23 and reopening Monday, November 25.

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

November 28 - Transforming Revenue Cycle Management, Timothy's Riverfront Grill & Wilmington Hall, at 6:00 pm. To register: <https://tinyurl.com/TRCM2018>

December 10 - *2018 Health Summit: Communicable Diseases, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm, John H. Ammon Medical Education Center, Christiana Hospital, Newark. To register: <https://reg.planetreg.com/2018HEALTHSUMMIT>

December 13 - **SAVE THE DATE** - Fall 2018 Strategic Prevention Framework Partnerships for Success State Epidemiological Workshop Meeting, 9:30 - 11:30 am, Buena Vista State Conference Center, New Castle.