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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>

CONFERENCE ROOM SPACE

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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-member fee to participate is \$25.00. To register please visit: <https://reg.planetreg.com/FinalRule2019Webinar>.

MSD 2019 Insurance Payers Workshop

SAVE THE DATE! The next MSD Practice Management & Leadership Education Session: 2019 Insurance Payers Workshop, will be held on **Tuesday, January 15 from 8:00 am – 11:00 am** at the MSD Conference Center in Newark with video conferencing to Bayhealth Hospital, Kent Campus. Delaware health plan representatives will provide a 2019 update. You don't want to miss this!

MSD Membership Renewals in the Mail

Membership renewal notices have been mailed to all dues-paying MSD members. Membership renewals 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

CMS Takes Action to Lower Prescription Drug Costs

On November 26, CMS published a proposed rule for Medicare Parts C and D that would strengthen negotiations with prescription drug manufacturers to lower costs and increase transparency for patients. The proposed policies for 2020 would ensure that Medicare Advantage and Part D plans have more tools to negotiate lower drug prices, and CMS is also considering a policy that would require pharmacy rebates to be passed on to seniors to lower their drug costs at the pharmacy counter. For more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/MLN11-29>.

Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program: Valid Claims

For a claim to be valid under the Medicare Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP), you must have both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention preliminary or full recognition (see the Supplier Fact Sheet and CDC website for more information) and a separate Medicare enrollment as a Specialty D1 MDPP supplier (see the Enrollment Fact Sheet and Checklist). Important: If you do not have a separate Medicare enrollment as a MDPP supplier and you submit a claim for MDPP services, your claim will be rejected. For more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/MLN11-21>.

MSD Affinity Partner: Resource Management, Inc.

A Deferred Compensation Plan from Resource Management, Inc. (RMI) enables business owners to defer up to \$100,000 of income and associated taxes each year. The plan is exclusive of a traditional retirement plan and can be used with or without an existing plan. Unlike a traditional retirement plan, the non-qualified Deferred Compensation Plan enables employers to select who will participate in the plan, take the deduction during the current year and invest those funds for future distribution with no age restrictions or early withdrawal penalties. For more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/MSDAffinityRMI>.

CVS Completes Aetna Acquisition

CVS Health (NYSE: CVS) announced that it has completed its acquisition of Aetna (NYSE: AET). The merger combines CVS pharmacies with Aetna's insurance business. CVS Health has begun to put the pieces of its new health care model in place and, in the coming months, will introduce new programs and services. For more information visit: <https://tinyurl.com/MSDAffinityRMI>.

Holiday Food Drive: Join MSD in Making a Difference

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>.