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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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## Mandatory Reporting Training for Medical Professionals

To renew your license, you will be required to attest that you have completed mandatory training required by Delaware law on how to recognize child sexual and physical abuse, exploitation and domestic violence, and your reporting obligations under the Medical Practice Act and 16 Del. C. §903. The mandatory training is required by Section 1723 of the Medical Practice Act, effective August 1, 2010. It applies to everyone licensed by the Board of Medical Licensure and Discipline. The training webinar will be available on January 1, 2019. For more information please visit <https://tinyurl.com/MandatoryTrainingMP>.

## 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>.

## Delaware Minimum Wage Increases 2019

Minimum wage will be increasing twice for most individuals in Delaware twice in 2019. On January 1, it will increase to \$8.75 with another increase on October 1, to \$9.25. There will now be a multi-tiered minimum wage. The General Assembly adopted a "Youth Rate" and a "Training Rate" of \$8.25. The youth rate applies to workers ages 14-17. The training rate applies to adult workers during their first 90 days on a new job. Effectively, that means workers under 18 and new employees with less than 90 days on the job won't see an increase on January 1st. Their first increase (\$8.75) will be effective when they become eligible for the regular rate or on October 1, 2019, with the next general increase, whichever comes first. The labor law poster sets out all the rates and is required to be displayed in all workplaces in a place accessible to employees and where they regularly pass. The poster is available on the Department of Labor's website and can be downloaded in English and Spanish. <https://dol.delaware.gov/>. For more information please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/DEWage2019>

## 2019 Medicare Part D Opioid Policies

CMS will implement new opioid policies for Medicare drug plans on January 1. The new policies include improved safety alerts when patients fill opioid prescriptions at the pharmacy, and drug management programs for patients at-risk for misuse or abuse of opioids or other drugs. CMS posted new training materials, including slide decks and tip sheets for prescribers, pharmacists, and patients. CMS also recently released an MLN Matters® Article: A Prescriber's Guide to the New Medicare Part D Opioid Overutilization Policies for 2019. Visit the Reducing Opioid Misuse webpage for more information on CMS' overall strategy at: <https://tinyurl.com/2019MPD-OP>.

## MSD Food Drive Makes a Difference in Frankford

The MSD Food Drive wrapped up last week with a collection of 83 pounds of canned goods as well as many containers of dry goods such as cereal, rice, and pasta. Thanks to the generosity of some of our MSD physicians we were also able to contribute an additional \$200 to the Helping Hands Food Bank in Frankford, Delaware. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthy cause.

## MSD Holiday Hours

In observation of the Christmas holiday, the Medical Society of Delaware will be closing at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 21st and reopening on Wednesday, December 26th. 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.