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## Reminders

### CERTIFIED MEDICAL CODER

Registration open for Certified Medical Coder course and exam scheduled for: October 11, 18, 25, November 1, & 8 at the MSD Conference Center in Newark. Register at: <https://reg.planetreg.com/CMC2019>

### CERTIFIED MEDICAL OFFICE MANAGER

Registration open for Certified Medical Office Manager course and exam scheduled for: September 12, 13, 19, & 20 at Eden Hill Medical Center in Dover. Register at: <https://reg.planetreg.com/CMOM2019>

### 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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## MSD Hot Topic CME – Measles Outbreak

The Division of Public Health is preparing for the potential spread of measles into Delaware, following reported cases in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. The Medical Society of Delaware is offering a members-only “Hot Topic CME” on Measles on Thursday, May 23 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm at the MSD Conference Center. Stephen Eppes, MD, Vice Chair, Department of Pediatrics, Christiana Care Health Services will discuss the public health strategies used to respond to the recent measles outbreak across the country. This educational activity is approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™. Register at <https://reg.planetreg.com/HotTopic2019Measles>.

## DPH Answers Questions About Measles

As a result of the recent measles nationwide outbreak, many questions are being asked about the need for a Mumps, Measles, Rubella (MMR) booster shot. According to the CDC, there is no evidence that immunity to the measles virus wanes over time. Division of Public Health (DPH) Medical Director, Rick Hong, MD, shared an open communication regarding the issue. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/DPH-Measles>.

## New Part D Opioid Overutilization Policies

CMS implemented new opioid policies for Medicare drug plans which came in to effect on January 1. Medicare Part D opioid policies are not prescribing limits and generally do not apply to enrollees who have cancer, receive hospice, palliative, or end-of-life care, or who live in a long-term care facility. The new policies encourage collaboration and care coordination among Medicare drug plans, pharmacies, prescribers, and patients to improve opioid management, prevent opioid misuse, and promote safer prescribing practices. Additionally CMS is announcing its final message in its series on common myths about these new policies and the facts for providers which can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/MLN-5-9-19>.

## MSD Physician Leadership Series

Join your colleagues from across the state to learn about important leadership concepts specifically designed for physicians. The “Excellence in Physician Leadership Series, A Certificate Program in Leadership Development” is 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 effectively participate in leading organizations in the rapidly changing world of health reform. REGISTER NOW AT <https://reg.planetreg.com/leadershipcohort2>.

## Medical Front Office Skills Certificate Program

**Last Chance to Register!** The role of the medical office receptionist has changed in recent years. No longer are the duties of front desk personnel limited to answering the phone and making appointments for patients. Productivity of a staff member depends on knowledge, skills, and training. The next class is scheduled for **May 16 & 17 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm at the MSD Conference Center in Newark**. To register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/MFOS2019>.

## Fraud Alert: Nationwide Brace Scam

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General is alerting the public about a fraud scheme involving orthotic braces and other medical equipment. Scammers are offering Medicare beneficiaries orthotic braces that are supposedly free to them and covered by Medicare. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/OIG-Alert-Brace>.

## Affinity Partner Spotlight – Job Target (Health Careers Connect)

Job Target offers a Web-based career center that connects job seekers with prospective employers in the health care industry. The website provides a highly targeted focus on employment opportunities in Delaware health care. Since this is also a national database, it allows job seekers from all over the country to view open positions. Anonymous resume posting and job application enables job candidates to stay connected to the employment market while maintaining full control over their confidential information. An advanced Job Alert system will notify candidates of new opportunities matching their own pre-selected criteria. For more information visit <https://healthcareersconnect.medicalsocietyofdelaware.org/>.