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Reminders

CERTIFIED MEDICAL CODER

Registration is 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>

PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP SERIES

Registration is open for the MSD Physician Leadership Series. Register at
<https://reg.planetreg.com/leadershiphort2>

MSD MEMBERS RECEIVE DISCOUNTS ON SERVICES

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

CONFERENCE ROOM SPACE

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Quest Diagnostic/LabCorp Hit With Data Breaches

Quest Diagnostic and LabCorp have reported data breaches that could affect as many as 19 million patients. American Medical Collection Agency (AMCA), a third-party billing collections service provider who services both companies has reported approximately 7.7 million of LabCorp's records were affected between Aug. 1, 2018 and March 30, 2019. Information that could have been exposed includes names, addresses, dates of birth, balance information, and possibly some credit card and bank account information. Quest says their data breach could affect 12 million patients and believes the breach includes personal information, including certain financial data, Social Security numbers, and medical information, but not laboratory test results. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/LabCorp-QuestBreach>.

OIG Fraud Alert – Genetic Testing Scam

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General is alerting the public about a fraud scheme involving genetic testing. Scammers are offering Medicare beneficiaries cheek swabs for genetic testing to obtain their Medicare information for identity theft or fraudulent billing purposes. Fraudsters are targeting beneficiaries through telemarketing calls, booths at public events, health fairs, and door-to-door visits. If a beneficiary agrees to genetic testing or verifies personal or Medicare information, a testing kit is sent even if it is not ordered by a physician or medically necessary. If you suspect Medicare fraud, contact the HHS OIG Hotline at 1-800-447-8477. For more information please visit <https://tinyurl.com/OIGSCAMGT>.

2019 U.S. Measles Cases Surpass Total Cases for the Past 25 Years

The CDC is reporting a total of 971 cases of measles in the United States thus far in 2019. This is the greatest number of cases reported in the U.S. since 1994, when 963 cases were reported for the entire year. CDC continues to work with affected state and local health departments to get ongoing outbreaks under control. If these outbreaks continue through summer and fall, the U.S. may lose its elimination status. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/CDC2019Measles>.

New Statewide Resource for Families in Crisis

The Delaware Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS) and Partnership for Drug-Free Kids are collaborating to bring dedicated, science-based resources and support to Delaware families. The group will work to provide digital resources and one-on-one support to parents and caregivers as they help a loved one struggling with opioids or other substances. Please consider directing your patients to this resource page if there is a need. For more information visit <https://tinyurl.com/DHSS2019> and <https://drugfree.org/delaware/>.

Certified Medical Office Manager Course

The next Certified Medical Office Manager (CMOM) course will be held on **September 12, 13, 19, & 20th** at the Medical Society Delaware Conference Center in Newark. The CMOM curriculum is a complete resource chosen by medical office professionals seeking to expand their skills and excel in a practice leadership role. Whether you are currently running a practice or want to acquire the skills to become a practice leader, the program will explain this role in detailed, easy-to-follow modules. Participants will gain a thorough foundation for managing a successful medical practice. For more information visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/CMOM2019>. Test your practice management knowledge and taking a free assessment at <http://tinyurl.com/CMOMTest>.

Physician-Assisted Suicide/Medical Aid in Dying Survey

In an effort to take the current pulse of the MSD membership regarding physician-assisted suicide/medical aid in dying, a short survey was emailed to all MSD members Friday, May 31. The survey asks your opinion on the much-debated topic and whether you think MSD should change its current position. Please ensure physician members complete the survey by June 14th. For questions or if you have not received the emailed survey, contact Mary.Lajudice@medsocdel.org

Affinity Partner Spotlight – Healthcare Facilities Solutions

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