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Reminders

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>

PHYSICIAN LEADERSHIP SERIES

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

MSD MEMBERS RECEIVE DISCOUNTS ON SERVICES

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

CONFERENCE ROOM SPACE

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OBVIOUS Event at MSD - "The Power of Nutrition"

The Medical Society of Delaware is pleased to announce the presentation of “*The Power of Nutrition*” by **Neal Barnard, MD, FACC** as part of the OBVIOUS Compiegne for kids, promoting the health and wellbeing of Delaware youth. This event will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2019 from 5:30pm – 7:30pm at the Medical Society of Delaware Conference Center in Newark, DE. Dr. Neal Barnard is an American author, clinical researcher, and founding president of the Physician Committee for Responsible Medicine. He has led numerous research studies investigating the effects of diet on diabetes, body weight, and chronic pain, including a groundbreaking study of dietary interventions in type 2 diabetes. The MSD Campaign for Kids is an initiative of the Medical Society of Delaware focusing on seven critical issues that affect young Delawareans and families. To register visit <https://reg.planetReg.com/ThePowerOfNutrition>. (Seating is limited!)

MSD Welcomes New Compliance Coordinator

The Medical Society of Delaware is pleased to welcome Dwayne Downs as the new Training & Compliance Coordinator. Dwayne is a Navy veteran and a Certified Medical Office Manager with experience in health care compliance. He is excited to begin providing HIPAA & OSHA training, as well as BLS certification training to practices. For more information and to schedule training for your practice, contact Dwayne Downs at 302-366-1023/Dwayne.Downs@medsocdel.org.

MSD Practice Management Session

Active Shooter Planning and Response for The Health Care Setting

Registration is now open! Please join us for the next MSD Practice Management & Education session on **Tuesday, September 10 from 8:00 am–10:00 am** at the MSD Conference Center in Newark, DE with video conferencing to Bayhealth Kent General, presented by Dennis F. Dougherty, Law Enforcement Officer. Health care facilities face a unique set of challenges in an active shooter incident. These incidents have no patterns in victim selection or method, creating an unpredictable and quickly evolving situation that can lead to loss of life and injury. This program will cover what to do in case of an active shooter, mitigation strategies, and protective measures. For more information and to register visit <https://reg.planetreg.com/PMSActiveShooter>.

CMS 2020 Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule

The 2020 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule is available for review with a comment period on the Federal Register on July 29, 2019. This proposed rule updates payment policies, payment rates, and other provisions for services furnished under the Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) on or after Jan. 1, 2020. This proposed rule, adds services to the telehealth list and other policies affecting the calculation of payment rates. CMS will accept comments on the proposed rule until September 27, 2019, and will respond to comments in a final rule. For more information and to view the Proposed Rule, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/CMS2020PR>

Surprise Billing – Physician Advocacy Needed

In recent weeks Congress has taken significant steps in moving legislation aimed at tackling the issue of surprise billing by passing legislation out of committee in both the House and Senate. Both Senate and House bills would protect patients by limiting their out-of-pocket costs to amounts they would have owed if they had been treated by an in-network physician. However, neither bill holds health insurers accountable. Both bills would resolve payment disputes between physicians and insurers by setting out-of-network payments at the median amount each insurer pays for in-network care. During the current recess, engagement on this issue is important. The AMA’s August Recess “Action Kit” on surprised billing has all the information you’ll need to be an effective advocate on this issue! To access the action kit visit <https://tinyurl.com/AMA-ActionToolkit>. Save the date September 16th at 10:00 am for a Round Table discussion with Senator Thomas Carper. More information to follow.

New Primary Care Bill Gets Governor's Signature

Governor Carney, flanked by several members of MSD, signed Senate Substitute No. 1 for SB 116, which adds a seat to the Primary Care Reform Collaboration and creates an *Office of Value Based Health Care Delivery* within the Department of Insurance to help reduce health care costs by increasing the availability of high quality, cost-effective health insurance products that have stable, predictable, and affordable rates. For more information <https://tinyurl.com/SSN1-SB116>.