

Aetna to Acquire Coventry Health Care

Aetna announced it has entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Coventry Health Care, Inc. Coventry is a diversified managed health care company that offers a full portfolio of risk and fee-based products, including Medicare Advantage and Medicare Part D programs, Medicaid managed care plans, group and individual health insurance, coverage for specialty services such as workers' compensation, and network rental services. The acquisition of Coventry supports Aetna's strategy to expand our core insurance business, increase our presence in Government businesses and enhance our relationships with providers in local geographies.

You can find more details about this announcement at:

<http://www.aetna.com/about-aetna-insurance/sas/aetna-coventry.html>

Source: AETNA

ICD-10 Delay Approved!

The department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has issued a final rule that postpones the ICD-10 compliance deadline from October 1, 2013, to October 1, 2014. The one-year delay, originally proposed in April, allows covered entities more time to transition systems and processes to updated medical data code sets.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and coding organizations, such as AAPC, have resources to help providers prepare for a smooth transition to ICD-10. These organizations will continue to add new tools and information to their sites through the course of the transition, so visit regularly to access the latest information and training opportunities.

Source: Gatewayedi

Next Practice Manager Session: A Unique Perspective on Delaware Health Care

The next Medical Society of Delaware Practice Manager Education Session is 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at the MSD Conference Center, 900 Prides Crossing, Newark. Delaware Health and Human Services Secretary Rita Landgraf, Division of Public Health Director Karyl Rattay, M.D., and Volunteer Initiative Program/Community Health Access Program (VIP/CHAP) staff from the Medical Society will be presenters. The topic is: *Changes, Challenges and Opportunities – A Unique Perspective on Delaware Health Care*. The program will also be offered by video conference at Kent General Hospital and Nemours Pediatrics in Seaford.

Register at <http://practicemanager.eventbrite.com/>. Contact Donna Barton at Donna.Barton@medsocdel.org or 302-224-5198 with questions.

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