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2013-2014 Flu Shot Codes

Please see the attached documents for **2013- 2014** Flu shot codes. There are no major changes on old Procedure codes but some additions and new brands. We will send further updates If there are any further Changes or additions.

NEW CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE LEGISLATION

The purpose of this email is to notify practitioners who hold a Delaware controlled substance registration (CSR) about new legislation.

72-Hour Limit on Controlled Substance Dispensing

On July 3, 2013, the Governor signed [Senate Bill 119](#) into law. This bill prohibits practitioners from dispensing controlled substances beyond the amount deemed medically necessary for a 72-hour supply (16 *Del. C.* §4739A). Samples that practitioners provide are not included in the 72-hour limit. Further, the new law also requires practitioners who dispense a 72-hour supply to report it to the [Delaware Prescription Monitoring Program](#) (PMP).

Please note that the new restriction pertains only to the act of *dispensing*, not to prescribing and/or administering. *Dispensing* is defined as the "preparation and delivery of a drug to a patient or patient's agent in a suitable container appropriately labeled for subsequent administration to, or use by, a patient." This new law does not restrict the amount of controlled substances that a registered practitioner prescribes or administers.

PMP Registration Deadline is 1/1/2014

[Senate Bill 59](#) requires that all prescribers who hold a Delaware CSR to register with the [Delaware PMP](#) on or before **January 1, 2014** (16 *Del. C.* §4732). For information, see [Delaware PMP - Practitioner Registration](#). Or, go to www.dpr.delaware.gov and click *Prescription Monitoring Program* on the left.

Links to New Legislation

You are encouraged to read all new legislation in its entirety:

[Senate Bill 59](#)

[Senate Bill 119](#)

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Thank you.

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The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Omnibus Final Rule Summary

The federal government has published its long awaited final regulations implementing the “Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health (HITECH) Act,” enacted as part of the “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009” (ARRA), described by the head of the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) as “the most sweeping changes to the HIPAA Privacy and Security Rules since they were first implemented.” In general, the new rules expand the obligations of physicians and other health care providers to protect patients’ protected health information (PHI), extend these obligations to a host of other individuals and companies who, as “business associates,” have access to PHI, and increase the penalties for violations of any of these obligations. The American Medical Association (AMA) will be publishing more detailed guidance concerning the impact of these rules on physicians. The following outlines the changes physicians will need to consider as they implement the new HIPAA requirements necessary by the September 23, 2013, compliance date.

Please see the link for all the details about the final rule:
<http://www.ama-assn.org/resources/doc/washington/hipaa-omnibus-final-rule-summary.pdf>

Source: AMA

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