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SPOTLIGHT: DR. BEVERLY JORDAN ATTENDS WHITE HOUSE RURAL HEALTH DISCUSSION Description of News Story Image

On Tuesday, our very own Dr. Beverly Jordan traveled to Washington, D.C. to participate in a discussion on healthcare in rural America and new payment models. Having recently been featured in an article by The New Yorker, Dr. Jordan was invited to D.C. to provide direct input on new actions by CMS to strengthen the rural healthcare delivery system and improve the health of rural Americans. As a Board Member of the Medical Association and a leader in both her state and national specialty societies, we are extremely proud of Dr. Jordan recognized for her tireless advocacy efforts.

To learn more about Dr. Jordan's day in D.C. and keep up with all the work she does, check out her personal twitter account.

View CMS Press Release

SURVEY: FINANCIAL IMPACT OF COVID-19

To better assess the impact of COVID-19 on the delivery of medical care to patients as well as the health of medical practices the Medical Association of the State Alabama, alongside the American Medical Association, conducted a survey of Alabama medical practices. Those findings are presented in our COVID-19 Impact survey, along with specific public health and policy proposals.

The survey also reports that patients should keep scheduled appointments and medical visits to ensure their health is appropriately managed and new conditions are identified early. According to a separate survey from the U.S. Census Bureau, <u>44.6 percent of Alabama adults report delaying</u>

<u>care</u>, ranking Alabama sixth in the nation. The Medical Association urges Alabamians not to neglect routine medical or mental health care.

The Medical Association will use the information and responses from this survey to continue to advocate for our members and physicians across the state.

See the findings here

WEBINAR: COVID-19 Legal Update



In partnership with Burr Forman, the Medical Association presents a webinar covering new employment-related laws and obligations Health Care Providers must comply with in the time of COVID-19, including, but not limited to, safe work practices, handling employee exposure to COVID-19 and leave and accommodation issues. The presentation will also discuss Health Care Provider liability issues from COVID-19 exposure to patients or employees, including a discussion of Governor Kay Ivey's Executive Order on liability protection for Health Care Providers.

Monday, August 24, 2020 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Central

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CDC : MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS INCREASED DUE TO COVID-19

Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report

A new report released today from the CDC examines the impact COVID-19 has had on mental health conditions for U.S. adults. Overall, the prevalence of symptoms of anxiety disorder was approximately three times those reported in the second quarter of 2019 (25.5% versus 8.1%), and prevalence of depressive disorder was approximately four times that reported in the second quarter of 2019 (24.3% versus 6.5%).

For a full synopsis of the toll COVID-19 has had on specific Americans - including a breakdown based on race, age, and employment - click the button below.

Read the Report

Provider Relief Fund: New Applications Being Accepted



HHS recently announced that certain Medicare providers would be given another opportunity to receive additional Provider Relief Fund payments. These are providers who previously missed the June 3, 2020 deadline to apply for additional funding. In addition, certain providers who experienced a change in ownership (making them previously ineligible for Phase 1 funding) will have the opportunity to apply for financial relief.

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WHAT WE'RE READING

- CMS offers more flexibility, financial stability for COVID-19 care
- Covid-19 death toll rivals fatality rate during 1918 flu epidemic, researchers say
- How Covid Sends Some Bodies to War With Themselves

- <u>Clinical Trials of Coronavirus Drugs Are Taking Longer Than Expected</u>
- <u>US government agrees to buy 100 million doses of Moderna's COVID-19 trial vaccine for</u> <u>up to \$1.5 billion</u>
- US health insurers doubled profits in second quarter amid pandemic
- <u>August 2020 Health Sector Economic Indicators Briefs</u>

