

New INHAA Address, New Fax, and New Email

With the appointment of Susan Gardiner, LNHA, RN, BSN as INHAA association coordinator, replacing Terry Sullivan, the contact information for INHAA has changed:

Illinois Nursing Home Administrators Association

PO Box 483, North Aurora, Illinois 60542

Phone: 708-800-6161 (same as before)

Fax: 708-248-8078

Email: sgardiner@inhaa.org

Important: please make sure to tell your bookkeeping department of the change of address for their computer billing system, because they often print checks based on whatever previous address is on their system.

The INHAA Conference on June 17-18 at the Chateau in Bloomington: The Latest Trends in Great Clinical Care



Ten CEs available for Nursing Home Administrators and Nurses

In the past few months, the federal government has announced new initiatives including care coordination, rebalancing the 5-Star system with an emphasis on reducing psychotropic medication, infection control, reducing antibiotics, resident fitness and behavioral health. This conference will not only review these latest developments in federal and state initiative and priorities, but will also examine the practical front-line efforts facilities can take to continue to provide great clinical care and also stay ahead of the curve with latest developments.

Catch Your Falling Stars – Preventing Further Decline with the New 5-Star Rating System
Bridging the Gap Between Care Coordination, Regulatory Compliance & Customer Service
Killing the Bugs Softly: The Latest in Proactive Infection Control
New Strategies for Reducing Antibiotics
Dealing with Difficult Behaviors
Great Programming Ideas for Resident Health and Fitness

A brochure is linked [here](#).

NEW Medicaid Appropriations Cut for June and July

Late last week, associations were notified that projected cuts for the FY15 budget would actually go far deeper than originally reported last month and intended by the budget bills. The original target cut amount for FY15 was \$106 million, to be taken out in May and June Medicaid payments. However, as DHFS and the Governor's office began to look at how they implement the cuts, they identified some items that cannot be cut, including hospice, drug acquisition rates,

some physician rates, and payments to FQHC's. Because of this, the Department and the Governor's office has spread the loss from those identified areas across the remaining providers. Early reports late last week indicated that the cut could grow as high as a 16.75% rate reduction in the last two months of the fiscal year. It is our understanding that the Department intends to release notices on this to providers this week.

Until the cuts are finalized by the Department in rule, an opportunity exists to roll back these much larger than anticipated cuts. Call your legislators today and going forward and tell them these cuts are worse than the intent of the language in the FY15 budget bills, HB317 and HB318. Ask them to explain the increase to you, and let them know the impact this will have at your facility. Call both your Senator and Representative at their Springfield offices to voice your concern with these devastating cuts.

The message is simple – “Long term care cannot bear further cuts to Medicaid!”

But be prepared and be ready for more battles ahead in the next two months. Next year's state fiscal budget (FY-16, from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016) is an entirely different battle. Currently, the governor's proposed budget reflects a \$6 billion deficit for the year. The governor is proposing closing that deficit strictly by budget cuts. Major negotiations in the legislature – and a lot of concerned public involvement – will be forthcoming in the next month or two.

HFS Notice: Managed Care Does Not Affect Required Reporting on MEDI and REV

The purpose of this Notice is to remind providers of Long Term Care (LTC) that an individual's enrollment status in a Managed Care Organization (MCO) does not affect the providers' responsibility to electronically report admissions and changes in the status of Medicaid-eligible LTC residents to the Department using the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) system, Medical Data Interchange (MEDI) or Recipient Eligibility Verification (REV). Failure to comply may result in the delay or denial of payment or suspension or termination of the facility's Medicaid certification. Current reporting requirements for admissions are listed below:

- All admissions must be reported within 15 business days through one of the Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) system vendors as outlined in 89 Ill Adm Code 140.513. An Informational Notice (pdf) to our Long Term Care providers posted to the Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) website December 12, 2014, which provides guidance regarding the submission of admission information to the Department of Human Services (DHS).*
- Admission submissions should only be completed for residents that are applying for Medicaid or are currently receiving Medicaid. Admission submittals shall be rejected if there is no corresponding application for Medicaid or when Medicaid eligibility cannot be verified. Admissions shall also be rejected when an application for Medicaid has been denied; when the individual is enrolled in the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) only Program; or when there is a duplicate submission. The facility must submit another admission electronically if an application for Medicaid is submitted at a later time.*
- The provider can verify processed admission information by using the LTC inquiry option in MEDI or REV.*

HFS Notice: ICD 10 Conversions Required by October 1 – INHAA Plans ICD-10 Session in August

This Notice informs providers that the federally-mandated conversion from ICD-9 to ICD-10 codes must be implemented no later than 10/1/2015. Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services had previously delayed the deadline for implementation from 10/1/2014 to 10/1/2015.

Facilities currently provide ICD-9 codes only when submitting a resident's admission information electronically submitted to the Department of Human Services through the Medicaid Electronic Data Interchange (MEDI) or EDI vendors (formerly referred to as REV). ICD-9 coding is not used to set LTC facility reimbursement rates although it is a required data element that must be provided as part of the admission information.

ICD-10 codes have been expanded to seven characters and provide a more specific diagnosis than the ICD-9 code and is provided by the resident's physician or clinician.

- Prior to October 1, 2015, facilities must obtain an ICD-10 code for each resident from their physician or clinician and enter the new code using the MEDI system.*
- Those facilities using Electronic Data Interchange vendors (formerly referred to as REV) cannot enter the ICD-10 codes for their current residents using that access but must register in MEDI for this one-time conversion.*
- The ICD-10 code must be entered during the time period 7/1/2015 through 9/30/2015 for all residents with an active admission on the HFS payment system at that time.*

Facilities that are processing new admissions during the 7/1/2015 through 9/30/2015 period should use the ICD-10 code to ensure all residents have the new codes entered on 10/1/2015.

For residents with an admission date of 10/1/2015 or later, the ICD-10 code must be submitted as part of the regular admission transaction processed electronically. The facility may use either MEDI or EDI vendor access for these new admissions. Facilities are being informed of this now to ensure they have adequate time to obtain the ICD-10 code from the physician or clinician, register for MEDI if not currently being used, and electronically enter updated ICD-10 codes for current residents through the MEDI system. Questions regarding this Notice may be directed to the Bureau of Long Term Care at 217-782-0545.

A full explanation of the ICD-10 codes is planned for members at the August 5-6, 2015 INHAA conference at the Par-A-Dice in Hotel in East Peoria.

Contacting the INHAA Office (Note New Information)

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Association Coordinator: Susan Gardiner

Contacting INHAA Board Members

Contact Information for any of INHAA's board members can be found on the Board of Directors page at our website at www.inhaa.org.

Upcoming 2015-2016 INHAA Events Calendar

2015:

June 17-18, 2015 Conference at the Chateau in Bloomington ([Brochure here](#))

August 5-6, 2015 Conference at the Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria

November 17-18, 2015 Convention and Trade Show at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield

2016:

March 9-10, 2016 at the Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria

June 8-9, 2016 at the Chateau in Bloomington

August 3-4 at the Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria

November 2-3, 2016 Convention and Trade Show at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield

Administrator Licensing Information

Information about 2015 Administrator Licensure Examination dates and locations, Administrator Test Review Courses for 2015, Requirements for obtaining NHA Continuing Education Credits, and how to contact the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) can be found on the IDFPR page at our website at www.inhaa.org.

Employment Alley

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

Administrator in Litchfield: Our company is growing which means a rewarding opportunity for an experienced Administrator or RN with five years previous management experience awaits. Heritage Health of Litchfield is a Medicare-certified facility, is quality oriented, well respected and well established. If you possess strong interpersonal skills to lead employees, deliver customer service effectively, and enjoy the many opportunities of today's Post-Acute Care field, please send resume to or apply at: Heritage Enterprises, Inc., Attn: Emily A, P.O. Box 3188, Bloomington IL 61702-3188, www.heritageofcare.com.

Administrator: Beautiful, privately-owned, skilled nursing facility seeks an administrator to:

- Manage all business activity to achieve the vision of the company
- Foster teamwork and team building
- Take true ownership of every aspect of the facility
- Ensure that the ethical image and service quality standards of the organization are maintained

The individual must have:

- At least 3+ years of experience as an Administrator for a SNF
- For-profit experience
- Bachelor's degree in Nursing Home Administration or related field
- Current LNHA in Illinois

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Licensed Nursing Home Administrator for Heddington Oaks, West Peoria

Peoria County has been proudly providing skilled nursing home care for over 150 years. In 2013, Heddington Oaks opened its doors as the County's brand new non-profit, skilled care nursing home facility. Located on 13 acres in a quiet, residential neighborhood in the City of West Peoria, our home has 214 beds: 42 private rooms, and secure accommodations for 80 Alzheimer's patients. The home achieved LEED Gold certification in design and construction, with state-of-the-art safety systems. Private and semi-private rooms are situated in a neighborhood setting, with dining, activities, and chapel services. In addition to accepting private insurance and private pay, Heddington Oaks is licensed to care for individuals on Medicare and Medicaid. We employ approximately 225 full/part and temporary employees and maintain an operating budget exceeding \$16 million.

We are looking for an experienced, energetic, and dynamic individual with a successful track record of census growth and networking in the long term care industry to oversee the day-to-day operations of a skilled nursing facility. Reporting to the Assistant County Administrator of Health and Human Services, this Department Head level position will be responsible for maintaining compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, ensuring continuity and consistency in delivery and quality of resident services. The Administrator will work closely with the County's Finance Department regarding the budgetary and financial planning for Heddington Oaks. The Administrator should have a strong background in financial budgetary compliance and reporting both verbally and in writing (preferably in the public sector). The Administrator will also be involved in sales and marketing activities, training and development of a diverse staff, and implementation of programs and policies that optimize quality care and resident satisfaction.

- Possess IL NHA license or qualifications necessary to obtain an IL NHA License.
- Bachelor's Degree in business or public administration or a closely related field.
- Minimum of 3 years experience as a Licensed Administrator and at least 5 years experience in long term skilled care is required.
- The successful candidate will be required to establish residency in Peoria County.

Please submit cover letter and résumé to the attention of:
 Julie Strahl, HR Consultant, Sikich LLP @ jstrahl@sikich.com.
 Résumés accepted until 5pm, May 28, 2015

Please refer to the following link for further information about this position and Peoria County:
<http://www.peoriacounty.org/download/?path=%2Fcountyadmin%2FHODAdministrator.pdf>.

SEEKING POSITION

Interim Administrator. Experienced Interim Administrator/Consultant available to support the transition of Post Acute, CCRC, and/or Nursing Homes as a Licensed Administrator. Skilled in survey preparation execution and recovery, metrics and data-driven systems, ACO, Joint Commission, Managed Care and Medicaid audits, as well as other challenges that may arise for your organization. Please text or email: RueAnneMills@aol.com or 630-935-2556.

Interim Administrator. Experienced administrator seeking short-term interim administrator position. Capable leader, knowledgeable of state and federal regulations, and proficient in the management of a short-term rehab unit or a long term care facility while you search for a permanent administrator or fill in for your current administrator during an extended leave of absence. Willing to accept assignment in any part of the state. Contact Harry C. Poole (618-806-2125 or hcpoole@gmail.com).

Employment Alley is published monthly for members and business members. The cost for nonmembers is \$30 a month - \$50 for two months - \$70 for three months. A business member listing is \$25 for one month - \$40 for two months - \$55 for three months. Send your approximate 55-word ad and payment to INHAA, PO Box 483, North Aurora, IL 60542 or fax it to 708-248-8078. For further information call Susan Gardiner at 708-800-6161.



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