



# The Administrator's Advocate

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## This Week!

**March 9-10, 2016 INHAA Conference**

**“WHAT’S IN THE FUTURE?”**

Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria

Hear from the experts - What will 2016 bring?

- Challenges for the Future with Managed Care
- Relationship between the IMPACT Act of 2014 and Recent Value Based Pricing Statute
- Legal Liabilities and Expected Future Malpractice Targets
- Nurse Practice Act, Its Effect on LTC and Needed Revisions in 2017
- Readmissions Due to Dysphasia and New Diagnostic Procedures
- Meeting Present Leadership Challenges Before Moving Forward

**Registrations must be faxed. Mail registrations can no longer be processed in time.**

[Click here for brochure and registration.](#)

### **BRING A NON-MEMBER ADMINISTRATOR TO A CONFERENCE FOR FREE**

Are you a member in good standing of INHAA for the past ten years? If you are, you are invited to bring a fellow non-member administrator with you to a conference next year for free. INHAA invites you to share your experience as an INHAA member with administrators who have not yet attended an INHAA conference.

### **SIX NEW QUALITY MEASURES COMING TO NURSING HOME COMPARE**

During the Open Door Forum on March 3, CMS announced the addition of six new quality measures for Nursing Home Compare. In April CMS will begin posting data for these measures and in July five of the Measures will be used in the calculation of Five-Star Quality Rating QM ratings.

According to CMS, “*The introduction of these new measures has several key benefits:*”

- *Increase the number of short-stay measures*
- *Cover important domains not covered by other measures*
- *Claims-based measures may be more accurate than MDS-based measures*

Medicare claims will be used, although the MDS is used in building stays and for some risk adjustment, for the following three claims based measures:

- Percentage of short - stay residents who were successfully discharged to the community
- Percentage of short - stay residents who have had an outpatient emergency department visit
- Percentage of short - stay residents who were re-hospitalized after a nursing home admission

The MDS data will still be used for the following new measures:

- Percentage of short – stay residents who made improvements in function
- Percentage of long – stay residents whose ability to move independently worsened
- Percentage of long – stay residents who received antianxiety or hypnotic medication

It is obvious what the CMS emphasis will be in the future. Facilities must be aware of their rehospitalization rates and what is affecting them and how to reduce them. They must also continue to work at reducing antipsychotics.

To review the CMS PowerPoint presentation from the Open Door Forum [click here](#). A full explanation of each new measure and the calculation method for each is explained.

## **CMS ANNOUNCES INITIATIVE TO BRING INTEROPERABLE TECHNOLOGY TO LONG-TERM CARE**

In a recent CMS Blog, Andy Slavitt, CMS Acting Director, and Karen DeSalvo, National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, announced an initiative to “*bridge an information sharing gap in Medicaid by permitting states to request the 90% enhanced matching funds from CMS to connect providers to a health information exchange.*”

INHAA received the following invitation from Joy Duling, the Director of the Central Illinois Health Information Exchange (CIHIE) regarding a grant they received to help long term care facilities connect to the HIE. This is a great opportunity for facilities!

*“Hello! My name is Joy Duling. I’m the Executive Director for Central Illinois Health Information Exchange (CIHIE) – [www.cihie.org](http://www.cihie.org). CIHIE is a nonprofit that was started by hospitals and other healthcare organizations to provide a mechanism whereby patient health records can be securely coordinated across a care team and so that transitions between care settings can be safer and of higher quality. Our members currently include about 50 hospitals, 400 primary and specialty care offices, 35 long term care facilities and a sprinkling of other types of providers. Our scope includes more than 5.5 million patient records, including encounter histories, labs, medications, allergies, etc.*

*We recently received a federal grant to help us connect long-term care facilities to the HIE. There is NO cost to a long-term care facility to connect. The grant covers all expenses. We just need to identify partners who are forward-thinking and interested in collaborating with hospitals and other healthcare partners in this way. Once connected, appropriate designees from the agency would be able to look up a patient who is being served by the agency to access health records in real-time. As soon as a change is made in a hospital or doctor’s office EHR that is connected, we are able to display that updated info to other members of the care team. “*

More information on CIHIE can be obtained by [clicking here](#).

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ALL THE 2016 INHAA EVENTS**

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

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

## **EMPLOYMENT ALLEY**

### **Chief Financial Officer/Associate Administrator**

Good Samaritan Home of Quincy

Description: Good Samaritan Home of Quincy (GSHQ), located in Quincy, IL, is a premier not-for-profit, continuing care retirement community. Sitting on a 40-acre campus, this nearly 60 year-old, recently remodeled and repositioned campus, is home to more than 420 residents and a staff of more than 360.

As a resident-driven community, the Board of Directors is currently seeking a Chief Financial Officer/Associate Administrator of the organization. The successful candidate will be responsible for supporting the CEO/Administrator in overall management, profitability, operations, and directions in all aspects, and, as the Chief Financial Officer, to administer and direct the accounting operations of the facility in accordance with all current federal, state, and local standards, guidelines, and regulations that govern long-term care facilities.

Requirements: The qualified individual must be able to work in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment to ensure the highest quality of care is consistently provided to residents. This individual will have extensive operations experience (3 years+), past success in survey compliance, management of accounts, P & L, budgeting, and team development. GSHQ will require this person to be a Certified Public Accountant and would prefer an individual with an Illinois Nursing Home Administrator license (or plans for completion within 2 years). The successful candidate should have had a minimum of two (2) years of managerial experience and successful leadership experience within a high quality, service oriented retirement and health care setting. This is an outstanding leadership opportunity to envision and implement the future direction of aging services in the region and to continue to build upon the organization's outstanding reputation.

Please send resume, recommendations and salary expectations to: Michael P. Duffy, CEO/Administrator, Good Samaritan Home of Quincy, 2130 Harrison Street, Quincy, IL 62301 or email to [mike.duffy@gshq.org](mailto:mike.duffy@gshq.org)

### **Administrator**

Our 5-star facility has a rewarding opportunity for an experienced Administrator or an RN with 5 years previous management experience awaits. This individual must have proven leadership abilities in team building, customer service, best practices and the ability to adapt to the changing senior care profession. We are a Medicare-certified facility and we are 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: P.O. Box 3188, Bloomington, IL, 61702-3188 Attn: Admin Position

### **Administrator**

Administrator: Southern Illinois, Not for Profit, Long Term Care facility is looking for a dynamic Administrator to take the facility to its next level. Must be results orientated with a bias for action, ability to make independent decisions, a good communicator with proven financial success. A current Illinois Licensed Nursing Home Administration license is required as well as a minimum of three years experience in LTC management. We offer a competitive salary and benefits package. For more information contact or email your resume to:

[KAabel.co@christianhomes.org](mailto:KAabel.co@christianhomes.org)

### **Administrator**

Mendota Lutheran Home is looking for an innovative, energetic, and professional Nursing Home Administrator for our independent, nonprofit nursing home.

- Bachelor's degree in health care administration, business administration, management, finance, or a medical specialty.
- Current Illinois state Nursing Home Administrator license.
- Three years' experience as a Licensed Nursing Home Administrator

Please send resume and references to Emily Beatty at [ebeatty@mlh500.com](mailto:ebeatty@mlh500.com).

*Employment Alley is published monthly for members and business members. The cost for non-members 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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