



A STROLL DOWN AVENUE "Q" **Thursday, August 4 & Friday, August 5**

Par-A-Dice Hotel, East Peoria



Nursing homes cannot ignore the need for quality improvement. Quality scores already affect your admissions and relationships with other providers. Now your future reimbursement will be affected with Value Based Purchasing and the Quality Reporting Program. This conference will give you the information and tools needed to succeed now and in the future.

**Value Based Purchasing and the Demands on Quality
Hospital Infection Control Initiatives that will Affect LTC
Admissions**

OSHA Update and Recommendations
Impact of the Illinois Budget Impasse on the Illinois Nursing Home
Medication Management and Psychotropic Reduction
New MDS Changes and Implementation

TEN CEUs available for Nursing Home Administrators and Nurses

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 this year for free. INHAA invites you to share your experience as an INHAA member with administrators who have not yet attended an INHAA conference.

INHAA ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

INHAA is accepting nominations for board of directors. Annual election for board of directors will be held at INHAA Convention on November 2, 2016 at the Crowne Plaza, Springfield.

Qualifications: Must be an INHAA member in good standing for a minimum of 2 years. Submit a biography to the Nomination committee: Kaye Strauch at kas@mtco.com or Hope McNitt at: cmcnitt1@charter.net.

MEDICAID MANAGED LONG TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORT PROGRAM (MLTSS) EXPANDED JULY 1

HFS issued a [notice](#) reminding LTC providers that the program expanded into Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kankakee, Lake, and Will Counties on July 1. The notice clarifies several issues raised by providers. According to CMS, “*MLTSS is a mandatory program for dual eligible receiving long term care services and supports in the Greater Chicago region who opt out of MMAI.*” These HFS and federal CMS initiatives will place beneficiaries who are eligible for both Medicare and Medicaid into Managed Care Organizations.

Since providers will be partnering even more with MCOs, quality initiatives on readmission and other CMS focuses will be even more important. MCOs will not want to partner with providers who have poor quality scores or high readmission rates.

ENHANCED CARE RATE FOR VENTILATORS

HFS issued a clarification of the requirements for the [Nursing Facility Enhanced Care Rate for Ventilator Services](#). ALL requirements must be met including facility, resident, clinical, staffing and device. Failure to meet any one of these requirements can lead to denial of payment for services. Review 89 Ill.Adm.Code 147.335 (a) to ensure the facility is in compliance with all requirements of the code. Continuous Positive Airway Pressure (CPAP) and Bi-Level Positive Airway Pressure (BiPAP) is not included in this enhanced rate. However if a ventilator is used to wean a resident and is set to PEEP or CPAP, the weaning process must be clearly documented to receive this rate.

EVALUATION OF THE QUALITY INDICATOR SURVEY (QIS)

CMS designed the Quality Indicator Survey to answer questions about “*accuracy, documentation, changes in the number and type of deficiencies, and whether the QIS process is more efficient.*” The Executive Summary of the 5 State pilot was released and the evaluation did not find that QIS improved the accuracy of citations. It was concluded that non-QIS factors improved the accuracy. These include clarification of survey guidance; surveyor training; and surveyor supervision.

FIVE NEW QUALITY MEASURES ON NURSING HOME COMPARE THIS MONTH

In April CMS began posting data for these measures and on July 27 five of the Measures will be used in the calculation of Five-Star Quality Rating QM ratings.

As a reminder, 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 (will not be used on Nursing Home Compare)

FREE QUALITY CERTIFICATE OFFERED BY TELLIGEN, THE ILLINOIS QIO



NURSING HOME PROFESSIONALS: EARN A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION FOR NURSING HOME QUALITY (It is Free)

A new certificate program for nursing home quality created by Telligen and the National Association for Healthcare Quality ([NAHQ](#)) is now accepting applicants from Illinois and Iowa nursing homes. **The no-cost**, online program “Fundamentals of Healthcare Quality for the Nursing Home Professional” will instruct up to 400 nursing home professionals in Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) methods.

Participants who complete the online course and submit a performance improvement project relevant to reducing pressure ulcer falls, antipsychotic medication year will receive a certificate of completion from NAHQ, a leading organization for healthcare quality improvement. Other Telligen partners include the [Illinois](#) and [Iowa](#) Health Care Associations (IHCA), the [Illinois Council on Long Term Care](#), and [LeadingAge](#) branches in [Illinois](#) and [Iowa](#). The online certificate program was made possible by a Special Innovation Project (SIP) award from the [Center for Medicare & Medicaid Innovation](#).

Start dates are staggered between September 1 and November 1, 2016. Elements of the Nursing Home Quality Certificate of Completion Program include:

- **Six online training modules with pre- and post-training assessments.** Each module takes about an hour to complete. Modules must be completed within two months.
- **Interactive one-hour webinars.** Participants must join at least one webinar, which are scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month between September 2016 and February 2017.
- **One performance improvement project.** Participants will complete and evaluate a data-driven performance improvement project relevant to their work.

"Nursing home staff who complete the Nursing Home Quality Certificate of Completion Program will be well-positioned to improve and sustain the quality of care in their nursing homes," says [Lisa Bridwell](#), Telligen senior quality improvement facilitator for the Illinois nursing home collaborative. "And it's completely free for members of the Telligen Nursing Home collaborative in Illinois and Iowa." [You can register here](#) or to learn more about the training program, contact Telligen quality improvement facilitators [Nell Griffin](#) in Illinois and [Kari Caughron](#) or [Sheryl Marshall](#) in Iowa.

SCHEDULED TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Below is the list of the remaining scheduled IDPH Town Hall Meetings. IDPH has stated that [reservations are required](#) for ALL town hall meetings due to limited space in some locations. Reservations may be made beginning three weeks prior to the actual date of the Town Hall Meeting. All reservations should be made via email to Lisa.Reynolds@illinois.gov. Please include the words "Town Hall Reservation" in the subject line.

8/2—Hope Creek Care Center—1-3 pm

Meeting Location: 4343 Kennedy Drive, East Moline, IL 61244: Capacity- 80

8/11—Hamilton Memorial Rehab—1-3 pm

609 South Marshall Avenue, McLeansboro, IL 62859; Capacity--70

8/31—Memorial Education Building, O'Fallon—1-3 pm

706 E. Highway 50, O'Fallon, IL

9/14—Alden Estates of Shorewood—1-3 pm

710 West Black Road, Shorewood, IL 60404: Capacity--50

10/19—Brookens Building, Champaign—1-3 pm

500 South Art Bartell Drive, Urbana, IL 61802

11/15—Friendship Village-- 10-12 noon

350 W Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL 60194: Capacity 150

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Show at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield

EMPLOYMENT ALLEY

ADMINISTRATOR

Rock Island County, Illinois is seeking an **Executive Director/Licensed Administrator** responsible for leading and managing the County's 245-bed Medicare/Medicaid certified care center; utilizing available resources to provide quality, caring services to all residents and patients; and achieving desired clinical and financial results.

Located in East Moline, Illinois, Hope Creek Care Center provides care for individuals with a broad spectrum of medical conditions. Available services include: 24 hour skilled nursing care, RN/LPN nursing supervision, and full in-patient rehabilitation services (physical, occupational, speech).

For this opportunity we offer:

- *Excellent Starting Salary (\$100,000 - \$120,000)*
- *Employee/Family Health Insurance (Single - under \$75.00 per month & Family – under \$175.00 per month)*
- *Vacation, 12 Sick Days & 13 Holidays*

Requirements:

- *Illinois Nursing Home Administrator's License.*
- *Knowledgeable of state and federal regulations, survey process, census development, reimbursement, budgetary process, and cost-containment strategies.*
- *Committed to team-oriented outcomes and quality care.*
- *Excellent communication and leadership skills.*
- *Prior experience in a Union environment highly desirable.*

Interested candidates should submit resume, cover letter, and completed employment application (see <http://www.rockislandcounty.org/Jobs/> for a full job description and application) to: Rock Island County, IL -Attention: Dave Ross, County Administrator
1504 Third Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201

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

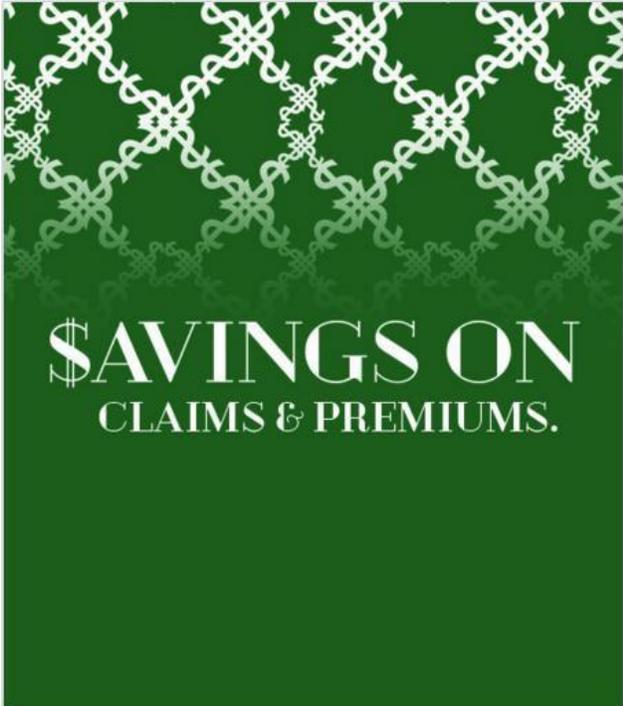
Administrator

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: KAbel.co@christianhomes.org

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.

Contacting the INHAA Office

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