



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Date and Location Change for June Conference

Due to circumstances beyond the control of INHAA, the June conference date and location have been changed. The June conference will now be at the Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria on Thursday, June 14 and Friday, June 15. The conference WILL NOT be in Bloomington. Please mark your calendars. Brochure will be coming out in early April.

GENERAL ACCOUNTING OFFICE (GAO) RECOMMENDS IMPROVEMENTS TO NURSING HOME COMPARE WEBSITE

As most providers have known for some time, Nursing Home Compare does not always give a true picture of a nursing home to consumers. Since CMS developed the Nursing Home Compare website to help consumers make informed choices CMS asked the GAO to assess the website to see if it did what it was supposed to do.

GAO examined "(1) the information CMS collects about the use of Nursing Home Compare, including its usefulness to consumers, and potential areas, if any, to improve the website, and (2) the extent to which the Five-Star System enables consumers to understand nursing home quality and make distinctions between homes."

What GAO Recommends

According to the November *GAO Highlights*, "GAO also found that several factors inhibit the ability of CMS's Five-Star Quality Rating System (Five-Star System) to help consumers understand nursing home quality and choose between high- and low- performing homes, which is CMS's primary goal for the system. For example, the ratings were not designed to compare nursing homes nationally, limiting the ability of the rating system to help consumers who live near state borders or have multistate options. In addition, the Five-Star System does not include consumer satisfaction survey information." The Gao suggests including results of satisfaction surveys to let consumers know information showing, for example, the difference in resident and family satisfaction surveys between two 4 STAR facilities in the same area. This would allow consumers to make better choices.

FALLS STUDY SHOWS LINK BETWEEN "AS-NEEDED" DRUGS AND FALLS

A study published in [The Journal of Post-Acute and Long Term Care Medicine](#) found that there was an increase in falls when medications were administered "as-needed" instead of scheduled. The study did not find an increase in falls when benzodiazepines were prescribed.

LONG TERM CARE LIABILITY COSTS TO RISE IN 2017

According to a recent analysis by the Aon Global Risk Consulting/American Health Association, "A skilled nursing facility with 100 occupied beds can expect to pay roughly \$235,000 in liability expenses in 2017." Cost of liability is expected to increase to \$2350 per bed. Long term care loss rates will increase by 6% compared to 5% for the past three years.

C-DIFF TABLET WILL HELP PROVIDERS CONQUER THE C-DIFF PROBLEM

3 M introduced a solution tablet that will kill C-Diff spores and is also effective against norovirus. It is made into a solution that kills the spores better than bleach. The solution can be used to clean all surfaces without the damaging effects of bleach. There are 453,000 cases of C-Diff per year with 29,300 associated deaths. This tablet is cheaper and easier to store than bleach.

POSSIBLE INCREASED COVERAGE AREAS FOR MEDICARE PATIENTS

A House Bill introduced in January would provide coverage for services never covered to date. It would give Medicare beneficiaries coverage for hearing services, dental care, vision exams and devices such as hearing aids and glasses for the first time.

EMPLOYMENT ALLEY

DIRECTOR OF NURSING: Illinois Veterans Home - Manteno is looking for a highly motivated candidate to supervise the overall nursing operations. Candidate must be licensed by the State of Illinois with 3 -5 years' experience working in a skilled facility as a DON or ADON. Has knowledge of State and Federal requirements and the survey process. Strong communication, organizational and leadership skills. Knowledge of point click care EHR system a plus. Interested candidates should email a resume to H R: jeri.gulli2@illinois.gov

ADMINISTRATOR, INTERIM: Interim Administrator Illinois/Missouri. Capable, seasoned leader. Skilled, knowledgeable and proficient in all areas of support to assure a smooth transition while search is completed for permanent administrator. Many satisfied references available. Contact Harry C. Poole. 618-806- 2125. HPOOLE1947@gmail.com

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.

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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

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ALL THE 2017 INHAA EVENTS

June 15-16, 2017 at the Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria
August 16-17, 2017 at the Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria
November 9-10, 2017 Convention and Trade Show at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield

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