

**WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU ARE SUED?  
PLUS OTHER  
IMPORTANT TOPICS**



**Wednesday, August 16 - Thursday, August 17  
Par-A-Dice Hotel, East Peoria**

More and more nursing homes are facing litigation. How can they protect themselves from a lawsuit? What needs to be done proactively and what policies and procedures need to be in place. This conference will address legal issues facing nursing homes, how to protect your nursing home against a lawsuit and what to do if you are sued. There will also be an update from Healthcare and Family Services leadership; review of new CMS policies that will affect nursing homes; and changes in Extended Acute Care.

**Anatomy of a Plaintiff's Lawsuit  
Documentation to Avoid Being Sued  
Protecting Yourself from Wound Care Lawsuits  
Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services Update  
Changes to Extended Acute Care**

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**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 INHAA conferences.

## **POSSIBLE NEW PAY MODEL FOR ALHEIMER'S AND OTHER BEHAVIORAL CARE**

On September 8 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services will hold a public meeting to discuss a potential payment or service delivery model that would address residents with "deficits in care" from substance abuse, dementias, and mental disorders. This initiative proves the agency is still committed to value-based care even though there have been rumors that the value-based movement would be abandoned.

## **Quarterly Licensed Bed Assessment Due Date Postponed to August 15, 2017**

Following are the due dates long term care providers for:

- The April 2017 assessment period/January 2017 reporting period, originally due June 15, 2017, has been extended to **August 15, 2017**
- The May 2017 assessment period/January 2017 reporting period, originally due July 17, 2017, has been extended to **August 15, 2017**
- The June 2017 assessment period/January 2017 reporting period, originally due August 15, 2017 will be determined at a later date when assessment due dates for Fiscal Year 2018 are established.

Providers will be notified of future assessment extensions and/or revised due dates via the website, and are encouraged to sign up for e-mail notifications at this [link](#) below." Until further notice, HFS will update this information monthly. Next update - on or before August 10, 2017. The notice can be viewed [here](#).

## **PAY CUTS FOR SNFs NOT SUBMITTING QUALITY DATA TO MEDICARE**

A July 17 MLN Matters article reminds providers that Change Request (CR) 9944 requires payment reductions in Fiscal Year 2018, and each subsequent year, for SNFs that do not submit required quality data to Medicare. The IMPACT Act imposed new data reporting requirements for certain Post-Acute Care (PAC) providers, including Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) and required that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) implement a SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP).

SNFs were required to submit data on quality measures, and data on resource use and other measures specified under the Social Security Act. "Beginning with FY 2018, and each subsequent year, if a SNF does not submit required quality data, their payment rates for the year are reduced by 2 percentage points for that fiscal year.

Application of the 2 percentage reduction may result in an update that is less than 0.0 for a fiscal year and in payment rates for a fiscal year being less than such payment rates for the preceding fiscal year. In addition, reporting-based reductions to the market basket increase factor will not be cumulative; they will only apply for the FY involved." Your MAC will notify you by letter if your SNF was non-compliant with the QRP requirements and are, therefore, subject to the payment reduction.

Additional information may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Transmittals/2017Downloads/R67QRI.pdf>.

## **NEW INFLUENZA 4-STRAIN VACCINE LOWERS SNF RESIDENTS' HOSPITALIZATIONS**

According to the manufacturer of Fluzone, it is an "Inactivated quadrivalent vaccine and is indicated for the prevention of influenza disease caused by influenza A subtype viruses and type B viruses contained in the vaccine." In the past only one of the two B virus strains

were contained in the vaccines along with the two "A" type strains, H1N1 and H3N2. Fluzone is a vaccine containing both "A" strains and both "B" strains, thereby giving better protection.

## **EMPLOYMENT ALLEY LICENSED ADMINISTRATORS**

Generations Healthcare Network (a long term care consultant company) is looking for Licensed Administrators.

Generations provides consultant services to skilled nursing facilities in Chicago, Chicago Suburbs, Byron, Rock Island, Illinois and Auburn, Indiana.

Our Website: [www.generationshealthcarenetwork.com](http://www.generationshealthcarenetwork.com)

Qualifications:

- Licensed Administrator in Illinois
- Proven leadership and management in the Post Acute/Long Term Care arena.

## **ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR**

Due to the retirement of our Administrator and the current Assistant Administrator taking that position, Sunny Hill Nursing Home of Will County is now accepting resumes for an Assistant Administrator.

This county owned home, located in Joliet, IL is a person centered community that strives to meet the needs of our elders with the highest quality of standards. This person will assist the administrator with daily operations in cooperation with other department managers to maintain a meaningful person centered environment for our residents and staff.

Sunny Hill offers an excellent starting salary, medical, dental and vision insurance, 13 paid holidays, paid vacation, and IMRF retirement plan. Candidate must be an Illinois Licensed Nursing Home Administrator in good standing with knowledge of state and federal regulations, the survey process, and employee relations. Must have at minimum of 1-2 years' experience as a manager in the long term care environment with excellent communication skills, stable work history, and energetic leadership skills. Basic Microsoft Office skills required, familiar with Point Click Care preferred. Experience working in a union environment beneficial. Send resume to Becky Haldorson at [bhaldorson@willcountyillinois.com](mailto:bhaldorson@willcountyillinois.com). Resumes will be accepted until the right candidate is found.

## **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

## **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 3

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: [ieri.gulli2@illinois.gov](mailto:ieri.gulli2@illinois.gov)

### **INTERIM PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

Licensed nursing home administrator offers interim and consulting services to facilities with needs. My services allow management to conduct search for qualified administrator while facility is operated competently. References. Harry Poole 1-618-806-2125. [HPoole1947@gmail.com](mailto:HPoole1947@gmail.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.**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE 2017 INHAA EVENTS**

**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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