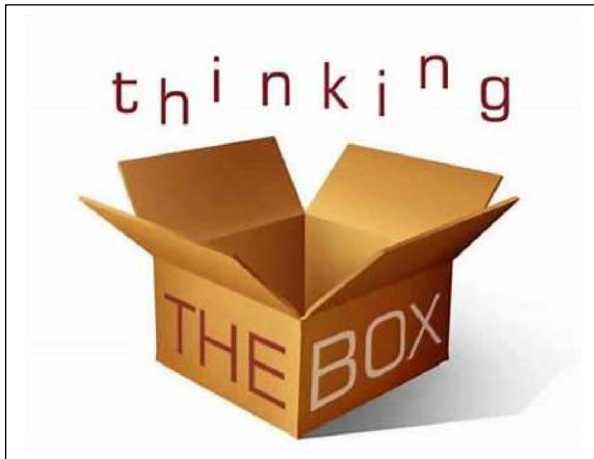




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**SAVE THE DATE**  
**February 28 - March 1, 2018**  
**INHAA Conference**  
**THINKING OUTSIDE**  
**THE BOX**

**STRATEGIES FOR HIRING,  
BUGETING AND COMPLIANCE**

Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria

Watch for the Brochure next week in mail

### **REMINDER: 2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

Just a reminder that your INHAA membership expired in December and this will be your last newsletter if you have not renewed. Renewal for 2018 is only \$100. INHAA offers more than 40 high quality professional CE Hours for administrators and nurses each year at one-third to one-half the cost of other organizations. Due to increased cost, conference registration will increase next year to \$100 from \$95. Convention rate will remain the same. Remember, if the facility administrator is a member of the association, all staff at that facility can come to INHAA conferences at member rates. Don't miss out. Sign up today. Membership renewal is [linked here](#). For new members please fill out the Membership form [linked here](#).

### **INHAA MEMBER RECOGNITION IN 2018**

The INHAA Board of Directors would like to express their gratitude to the organization's members throughout the coming year. Starting at the Feb. – Mar. 2018 seminar, all registered and attending members with ten plus consecutive years of membership (as of January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018) will receive a voucher for free attendance at the June or August 2018 seminar. Secondly, in June of 2018 we will draw four names from the registered and attending members at that seminar and they will each receive a free voucher for the August 2018 seminar. Lastly, two names will be drawn to receive a free voucher to attend our annual convention in November of 2018. The vouchers are non-transferrable and prior registration will be required to ensure that we are able to plan accordingly to meet the needs of all the members attending the seminars. We appreciate each one of our members! There will be other surprises too so check out the upcoming seminar dates on our website [www.inhaa.org](http://www.inhaa.org) and register today. We look forward to seeing you February 28<sup>th</sup> in East Peoria, IL

## **PREVENTION OF SPOUSAL IMPOVERISHMENT STANDARDS FOR 2018**

The standards for spousal impoverishment effective January 1, 2018 will remain the same as those for 2016 and 2017. The Community Spouse Resource Allowance will remain at \$109,560 and the Community Spouse Maintenance Needs Allowance will remain at \$2,739. The HFS notice is linked [here](#). And the HFS 3191 print brochure can be obtained from the HFS Brochure Page linked [here](#). Another notice for Supportive Living Providers linked [here](#) sets apartment rates at \$645-\$660/month for single and \$461.50-\$472.50/month for double

## **HFS PROVIDER NOTICE - LTC MONTHLY OCCUPIED BED PROVIDER ASSESSMENT**

Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) posted a provider notice regarding LTC Monthly Occupied Bed Provider Assessment. [Click here](#) to read the notice. The Comptroller's Office has issued warrants for August 2017 LTC services. The Assessment for the November 2017 assessment period/August 2017 reporting period is due January 16, 2018.

## **THERAPY CAPS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2018**

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a Medicare Learning Network (MLN) Matters article reviewing the Therapy Caps for 2018. The article can be referenced [here](#). Providers can also get additional information by viewing the official [CMS instructions](#) to the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MAC). This cap will become effective January 1, 2018 with implementation started on January 2, 2018. Remember that, according to CMS, if the resident reaches the cap *the provider/supplier must issue a valid, mandatory Advances Beneficiary Notice (ABN) to the beneficiary before providing services above the cap when the therapy coverage exceptions process isn't applicable*

## **REVISED CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES (CMP) POLICIES AND ANALYTIC TOOL**

This past summer, CMS issued a revised CMP Analytic Tool which *instructs Regional Offices how to use Per Day and Per Instance CMPs depending on the timing of the noncompliance in relation to the survey, whether residents were harmed or abused, whether the facility has a good compliance history, and whether the noncompliance was an isolated event or persistent deficient practices were identified*. The complete article can be viewed [here](#).

## **ABBREVIATED ADMISSION TO LONG TERM CARE FOR MEDICAID RESIDENTS IN COMMUNITY**

HFA issued a notice which informs providers that, effective January 1, 2018, *the admission procedures for individuals currently Medicaid-eligible in the community and entering a Long Term Care facility or the Supportive Living Program for the first time may have an abbreviated review to expedite the approval process*.

*To be eligible for this new process an individual must have lived in the community and been eligible for full Medicaid coverage for a minimum of six consecutive months immediately prior to the date of admission. This new process does not include those currently living in a Long Term Care facility or Supportive Living setting who are applying for Medicaid coverage*. The notice may be reviewed [here](#).

## **INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICES (IRS) MILEAGE RATE UP ONE CENT FOR 2018**

The IRS issued a notice increasing the mileage rate for business one cent for 2018. The new rate will be 54.5 cents for every mile of business travel, up one cent from the 2017 rate. IRS also increased mileage rates to 18 cents per mile for medical and moving purposes and 14 cents for charity work. The notice can be viewed [here](#).

## **MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON MAY RUN OUT OF MONEY**

An article published by the National Council on Aging (NCOA) states that the Money Follows the Person program may run out of money. The program has been in effect for 12 years and has

helped 75,000 people in 47 states move into community-based services, thereby decreasing Medicare and Medicaid expenditures by 23%. There have been pros and cons with the program which technically expired in October, 2016. Legislation is in Congress to renew the program for another five years. The article may be viewed [here](#).

### **FIRST PRICK-FREE GLUCOSE MONITOR COVERED BY MEDICARE**

A new glucose monitoring meter has been approved for Medicare beneficiaries with diabetes. The meter is Abbott's FreeStyle Libre System, a device that allows individuals to keep track of their glucose levels without having to routinely prick their finger. A patient's blood glucose level is measured through a sensor (\$36) the size of a quarter that is worn for ten days on the back of the upper arm. A reader (\$70) is placed against the sensor to obtain the blood glucose reading.

### **FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION (FDA) RECALL: GENERIC FORM OF PLAVIX MISLABELED**

International Laboratories, LLC is voluntarily recalling Lot# 117099A of Clopidogrel Tablets, USP 75 mg, packaged in bottles of 30 tablets, to the consumer level due to mislabeling. The product is labeled as Clopidogrel Tablets USP, 75 mg but may contain Clopidogrel 75mg or Simvastatin Tablets USP 10 mg. Clopidogrel Tablets USP 75 mg are a platelet inhibitor (blood thinner) indicated for the use in patients with acute coronary syndrome, recent myocardial infarction (MI), recent stroke, or established peripheral arterial disease. Clopidogrel tablets have been shown to reduce the rate of MI and stroke.

### **CMS OPEN DOOR FORUM ON CHANGING THE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER - BASED HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIM NUMBERS (HICN) TO THE MEDICARE BENEFICIARY IDENTIFIER (HICN)**

The background of the New Medicare Card Project, the implementation of new Medicare numbers, the format of the new number, timeline & milestones, the transition period, outreach & education, and what you need to know to get ready for the new number will be covered in the January 23, 2018 ODF. For more information about the New Medicare Project, please visit the CMS website: <https://www.cms.gov/newcard>. To register for the Open Door Forum, click [here](#).

### **Employment Alley 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 With proven leadership and management in the Post-Acute/Long Term Care arena.

### **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 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](mailto:jeri.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)

### **REGISTERED NURSE (RN) Children's Habilitation Center • Harvey, IL (708) 596-2220**

Full-Time Day / Part Time Nights

Experience - Up to 3year(s) Degree - 4 Year Degree

Healthcare – Health Services

Job Description/ Requirements: Responsible for the quality of care rendered of medically fragile pediatrics and adults while on duty including use of proper procedures, charting, treatments, dispensing of medications, etc. and is available, should the need arise, to provide direct care. \*Bonus incentive offered\* Directs the activities of Staff Nurses and Team Assistants. Contact: **Annette Murray DON** / [Annette.m@childhabcenter.com](mailto:Annette.m@childhabcenter.com) or **Erica Dent DON Strategist** / [Erica.d@childhabcenter.com](mailto:Erica.d@childhabcenter.com)

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