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HONORING VETERANS ON MEMORIAL DAY

Jerseyville Manor located in Jerseyville, IL is pleased to announce that they have 29 Veterans of various branches who reside at their facility. The Manor is fortunate to have the support from several community organizations that take time each year to recognize the Veterans. The Veteran's receive meals on Thanksgiving from surrounding American Legion Chapters, which also donate gifts and other items at several holidays throughout the year. The local schools show support by creating homemade cards and treats for the Veteran's at each holiday. The Royal Neighbors present pins and ribbons to the Veteran's throughout the year. The Veterans were fortunate enough to be able to visit the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall when it was in Jacksonville, IL. Our Veterans were greeted by other visitors of the Wall, some of which took time to pay their respect for the dedication and service shown for our Country.



CMS DRIVES PATIENT-CENTERED CARE OVER PAPERWORK IN PROPOSALS TO MODERNIZE MEDICARE AND REDUCE BURDEN

CMS issued a [press release](#) on April 27 highlighting the agency's proposed payment rule which sets out to continue to modernize Medicare through innovation in skilled nursing facility payment to drive value, advance meaningful quality measure reporting, and reduce paperwork and administrative costs.

Taken together, the modernizing proposals to advance CMS' Meaningful Measures Initiative released April 27 and the proposals in the recently released FY 2019 Hospital Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS)/Long-Term Care Hospital (LTCH) [proposed rule](#) are projected to save providers close to four million hours and more than \$144 million as they take effect in 2019 and 2020.

The Summary from the proposed rule states: *This proposed rule would update the payment rates used under the prospective payment system (PPS) for skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) for fiscal year (FY) 2019. This proposed rule also proposes to replace the existing case-mix classification methodology, the Resource Utilization Groups, Version IV (RUG-IV) model, with a revised case-mix methodology called the Patient-Driven Payment Model (PDPM) effective October 1, 2019. It also proposes revisions to the regulation text that describes a beneficiary's SNF "resident" status under the consolidated billing provision and the required content of the SNF level of care certification. The proposed rule also includes proposals for the SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP) and the Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing (VBP) Program that will affect Medicare payment to SNFs. According to the president of the AHCA, the proposed cuts will result in a \$2 billion cut.*

LTC MONTHLY OCCUPIED BED PROVIDER ASSESSMENT

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) issued the following [notice](#). *The Illinois Comptroller's Office has issued warrants for December 2017 long term care services. The following assessment payment will be due **May 15, 2018**. The Monthly Occupied Bed Provider Assessment for long term care providers for the March 2018 assessment period/ December 2017 reporting period is due **May 15, 2018**.*

The Department continues to monitor long term care pending claims at the Comptroller's Office. Providers will be notified of extensions and/or revised due dates via the website, and are encouraged to sign up for e-mail notifications at the following [link](#).

NEW INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE IMPACT SYSTEM

On April 25, HFS issued a notice reminding providers that the **IMPACT** system serves as the enrollment system for all Illinois Medical Programs providers to manage, monitor and update their own information. As IMPACT is a cloud-based technology system, there is no need to send paper enrollment documentation to the Department. The complete notice can be viewed [here](#).

CONTINUITY OF CARE REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTHCHOICE ILLINOIS MANAGED CARE HEALTH PLANS

HFS issued a [notice](#) reminding that MCOs must offer an initial 90-day transition period for enrollees new to a health plan, during which enrollees may maintain a current course of treatment with a provider who is not part of the health plan's provider network. This applies to all providers, including those providing behavioral health services and long term services and supports.

Providers not in an MCO's network that provide services, including those that provide behavioral health services and long term services and supports, will be paid the same rate the Department would pay for those services under current fee-for-service rates. Providers must adhere to the MCO's policies and procedures regarding referrals and obtaining preauthorization for treatment.

PASSING THE TORCH

Since INHAA is concentrating on member appreciation this year, Charles Hutson, author and INHAA Board of Director, wrote an article last month reviewing how INHAA was formed. Following is Part Two. Enjoy!

Passing the Torch—Part Two

As I mentioned in the last issue of the Advocate, I was given the pleasure of writing a couple of blurbs about the retirement of two of our long term Board Members who have recently retired from Active Duty on the Board and have turned over their responsibilities to younger members...effectively Passing the Torch to the next generation. In the first article I talked mostly about Rena Smith as I needed to collect a little more information about Dave Conklin. If you happened to miss that article, never fear, prior newsletters can be found on the INHAA website. Check it out if you missed it in the April newsletter. Today we will tell you a little bit about the other Board member who happened to retire at about the same time...David Conklin.

Dave begins by telling me that his recollections about the beginnings are about the same as Rena's. Good to know they are both on the same page. If they told me different stories...I'd have to wonder a little bit! Dave says, yeah, we were "just a rag tag bunch of administrators who had a job to do and went about doing it." Once we got past the beginnings, "We hired Andy Marseck as the very first coordinator. Can't remember how long he was with us." For historical perspective, I got involved in 1992 and Andy was around for maybe a year or so more.

Dave recalls that "After he moved on, we hired the Nessen Company out of Springfield. Barb Blough was the honcho, and along with her sidekick Mary Johnson, we took off from being that rag tag group to become a real professional organization! During that period, we went fiscally, from literal hand to mouth, (or as Rena likes to say "From not having two nickels to rub together...") to one with a small cushion of cash from which we could actually pay some of the speakers and not have to do so much begging!"

"Barb Blough," Dave says, "was also the brains behind the Trade Show which grew in popularity with both the members and the vendors to the point that one year we couldn't fit them all into the exhibit space," and we had to begin exploring bigger venues for our conferences! "That was when we became an organization to reckon with!"

From considerably before I came on board the Board in '92 until just a year or so ago when Karen Christensen graciously agreed to take over the task, David Conklin was famously entrenched in the position of Board Secretary. I'm sure some of you have heard of Famous Dave's...well that's how that phrase got started. Seriously though, no one wanted Dave to ever leave the position because he handled it so well. I would hazard a guess that Dave will go down in INHAA history as the longest serving Board officer ever! I don't think anyone will ever come close to matching that record! I have to stop here and say "Thanks Again Dave!" Your service is greatly appreciated! Thanks also to Karen for stepping up to the position! She knew he would be a tough act to follow, but she jumped right in!

David reminisces a bit about that position. "I was never an 'out front' person as Secretary. After my initial election I pretty much worked behind the scenes..." to keep the meetings coordinated, accurately record the minutes and provide record of same at the following meeting, help the other current officers and current President with whatever they needed, send out meeting notices, "and all the other 'stuff' a Secretary does (plus some other stuff which I did on my own)" because he knew it needed doing, and because he wanted the Association to be the best it could be!

Many of you may also have noticed that he was always there to help with the registrations and to answer questions. Not part of his Secretary position, but he did it because he knew it needed to be done.

"To me," Dave states, "the biggest benefit of the Association is the networking! Getting to know people from throughout the state that one can call on, if for no other reason than just to share their thoughts and ideas. This is one of the best things the Association offers...the milieu for that to happen. And that's Priceless!!!"

I had to look up that word...milieu. I had a general gist of it, but I actually kind of like looking up words that you don't hear used very often. Milieu is just a fancy way of saying "social setting". The social setting for that to happen. Word for the day if you didn't know it! Of course he's correct no matter what word he uses. On the other hand I also like some of the phrases used by David and Rena in providing me some extra material...like "two nickels to rub together", and "rag tag bunch", and Rena's phrase from the last article..."Boy oh boy! We thought we were in tall cotton then!" Not making fun, I love these old phrases...and I love the people and the times they came from! And I have to wonder if they won't totally disappear when we older folks do.

Like David and Rena, I have come to love this Association also. Our profession has so dramatically changed from when I began...and even more dramatically from the time Rena and Dave began. It seems like a whole different animal these days. While we know that things are always and ever changing, Passing the Torch in such a way as to leave at least a memory of what used to be...is an extremely important gesture. I have to wonder if new Administrators and Nurses in Long Term Care have any idea of what they are getting in to.

Really friends, it used to be simpler...and it even used to be fun! Rena Smith and David Conklin can attest to that, as well as many of the other old-timers(not to be confused with Alzheimer's as some are wont to do) who are still going to that battlefield every day in an effort to do the best they can to...just try to take care of people who deserve to be taken

care of!

As I mentioned in the first part of Passing the Torch, and I will mention again. We thank David and Rena for their invaluable leadership in the formation and maintenance of this now hearty organization, as well as for their continued service over the years. We wish them all the best in this time of stepping out of the spotlight and stepping back to reflect on the work they have done, especially where this group is concerned. Both have deservedly been approved as Honorary Members for their work in this field and for their longevity and loyalty in this Association, so I know we will not have seen the last of them!

We will continue to seek their counsel, as we should always continue to seek the counsel of the senior members of our society. We will continue to pick their brains for their thoughts and concerns about the ongoing well-being of our Association...that they have so lovingly shaped into the great Association that it is today!

There are others of our early and long term members who got away from us unnoticed in their retirements. I guess some of us may have noticed, but we didn't give them a 'sendoff article' like we have with David and Rena. Time passes, and people come and go, but there will always be a need for people in our profession, and there will always be a need for a good, solid, helpful education about the best way to do this job. This is the task that INHAA has chosen. The Board has consciously tried to keep down costs, and to provide good material, and to be a place where Administrators can come for answers.

On behalf of all who have come before us in this Illinois Nursing Home Administrators Association, we would ask that you stay involved, ask those questions, and give us your opinions! We have always tried to be very responsive to the members at large. Remember to take a few minutes at the end of our conferences and make your voice heard by filling out the session reviews and request for material you'd like to see included. People like Dave and Rena and the others who came before us thank you for being a part of this great Association...and this great and worthwhile profession.

EMPLOYMENT ALLEY

ADMINISTRATOR

Illinois Veterans Home - Manteno is looking for a highly motivated candidate to supervise the overall operational needs of the Skilled Facility. Candidate must be licensed by the State of Illinois with 3 - 5 years' experience working in a skilled facility as the Administrator or Assistant Administrator. Has good working knowledge of State and Federal requirements and the survey process. Effective communication, organizational and leadership skills. Interested candidates should email a resume to H. R: jeri.gull_i2@illinois.gov

ADMINISTRATORS

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