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Education & Events

January 10, 2011

Welcome to the bi-monthly newsletter of the Indiana Association of Homes and Services for the Aging! For a printer-friendly version of this newsletter, [click here.](#)

Indiana News

Medicaid Payment for Bed Hold Days Will Be Discontinued on February 1, 2011

As was noted in the last IAHSA e-NewsBriefs, Indiana Medicaid will discontinue payments for bed hold days for nursing home residents



Study Challenges Tax-Exempt Status of Hospitals, "High-End Senior Housing Facilities"

Which Provisions of the Health Care Reform Law Go Into Effect in 2011?

IRS Releases Exempt Status Guidance

CMS News

IAHSA Attends CMS Region V Meeting

CMS Region V held its annual meeting of nursing home associations in Chicago on December 7th and 8th. IAHSA was represented by Jim Leich, IAHSA President/CEO, and Linda O'Neill, IAHSA Board member and Executive Director of Franciscan Communities in Crown Point. The two-day meeting covered a wide range of topics.

A summary and the materials provided at the meeting have been posted for our members [here](#).

IAHSA would like to extend Linda O'Neill a special thanks for her help and expertise at the meeting.

CMS Complaint Investigation and Supervisory Reviews Needs Assessment

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) participated in the CMS Complaint Investigation and Supervisory Reviews Needs Assessment. The purpose of this assessment is to provide insight into the perceived under-citation of deficiencies in the long term care setting and in other care areas as well. The visit consisted of a series of interviews conducted with ISDH directors along with a few agency long term care supervisors and surveyors.

A major task in this assessment is interviews conducted onsite with staff and managers at the state survey agencies and the CMS Regional Offices. These interviews will be conducted by subject matter experts such as Rick Harris, retired State Agency Director, Alabama, and Lisa Tripp, formerly an attorney with the Office of General Counsel, Atlanta Regional Office. CMS identified thirteen state survey agencies and five CMS Regional Offices to participate in this review. The thirteen state survey agencies are Rhode Island, Vermont, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Florida, Georgia, Washington, Oregon, California, and Nevada. The five CMS Regional Offices selected are Region 1, Region 4, Region 5, Region 9 and Region 10.

The purpose of the site visit is not to evaluate the work or performance of any state survey agency or regional office but rather to identify systemic issues that eventually will lead to training improvements. The interviews are intended to identify those issues that may interfere with the efficiency and accuracy of the survey and complaint investigation processes. CMS anticipates that the final analysis report will identify both training and non-training issues which, when presented to CMS, can be acted upon to improve overall survey effectiveness. (*ISDH LTC Newsletter, 12-17-10*)

New CMS Survey and Certification Letter: LSC - Interior Finish Documentation Requirements

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued Survey & Certification (S&C) Memorandum 11-07-LSC on December 17, 2010 to clarify their policy regarding existing interior finish and the requirements for multiple providers including nursing homes for documenting the flame spread rating of existing interior finish materials.

The requirements for interior finish for existing healthcare facilities are in the 2000 National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Life Safety Code (LSC) 101: 19.3.3.1, requiring compliance with Section 10.2 Interior Finish. The CMS adopted the 2000 edition of the LSC in 2003.

The CMS references NFPA-clarifying language at section 10.2.1 Exception #2: "Approved existing installations of materials applied directly to the surface of walls and ceilings in a total thickness of less than 1/28 in. (0.0 mm) shall be permitted to remain in use and the provisions of 10.2.2 through 10.2.3.5.3 shall not apply." The CMS advises that documentation was not required by previous editions of the LSC and that this should minimize the burden on existing facilities that may or may not have documentation for previously installed interior finish.

[Click here](#) for the link to the S&C Memorandum 11-07-LSC.

Enforcement of Home Health and Hospice Face to Face Delayed

CMS has agreed to delay enforcement of the home health and hospice face-to-face encounter requirement until April 1, 2011. The January 1, 2011 implementation date remains in place. The decision was based on a concern that beneficiary access to care might be negatively impacted while physicians and providers prepare for the change in policy. [[Full Story](#)]

Education News

2011 SPRING CONFERENCE
TELEVIEW



Celebrate Age – 2011 Spring Conference

Save the date for 2011 Spring Conference – Celebrate Age! The conference will be held in Indianapolis at the Indiana Convention Center from May 18-19, 2011. This conference is a partnership between IAHSA and the Indiana Assisted Living Association (INALA), Indiana Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (IHPCO) and Hoosier Owner's and Providers for the Elderly (HOPE).

It's not too early to make your hotel reservations at our host hotel - The Westin Indianapolis, 50 South Capitol Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46204. To reserve your room at the rate of \$119 + tax and incidentals, please call **(800) 228-3000**. *All reservations must be made by April 18, 2011. Please mention the IAHSA block when booking your reservation.*

Call for Presentations

IAHSA along with our partners invite you to submit a proposal to present at the **2011 Spring Conference** or any future educational program.

The theme of this conference will be "Celebrate Age" with a special emphasis on providing attendees with the tools to continue to promote and protect the welfare and well-being of the elderly they serve.

This conference specifically highlights cutting-edge approaches and issues in the aging field. It also provides speakers the opportunity to demonstrate their expertise and share organizational successes with colleagues from around Indiana.

To be considered as a speaker, please complete the on-line [Call for Presentations Form](#) and submit to IAHSA by **January 17, 2011**. Further information may be obtained by contacting Emilie Perkins at eperkins@iahsa.com.

Trade Show: Already 45% Sold!

Your top Indiana customers will be at the 2011 Spring Conference & Trade Show, so make the most cost-effective marketing move of the year & EXHIBIT! Don't miss your chance to meet with the decision makers in long term health care.

[Who's Exhibiting at the Trade Show? Find out here.](#)

Registrations must be received by May 5, 2011 with a \$100 Deposit. Remember, we cannot guarantee your first choice, but will do our best to accommodate your request. Booth assignments will be made on a "first come-first served" basis. Last year the Hall sold-out, so be sure and send in your application as soon as possible. For more information, please [click here](#).

MDS 3.0 – Where Are We Now?

You survived! The transition to the MDS 3.0 on October 1, 2010 has been completed – the chaos of the MDS completion and submission processing glitches has passed. Now that you have had time to work with the tool, it is a good time to step back and see what is working and what is not with the assessment processes. Join Jane Belt, MS, GCNS-BC, RAC-MT from the Plante & Moran Clinical Group on January 25, 2011 for "MDS 3.0 – Where Are We Now?" a full day seminar at The Marten House & Lilly Conference Center.

The seminar is designed to assist the team to identify the key elements on the MDS 3.0 that are still areas of concern with accuracy and appropriate coding. We will review any released updates to the RAI manual. In addition, we will make sure that the use of the assessment types are being used appropriately for reimbursement. It is designed for learning in a relaxed atmosphere – so round up your team and plan to spend the day becoming more comfortable with the MDS 3.0. The session will equip the staff with the information necessary to complete the assessment timely and accurately. For a complete registration brochure, please [click here](#).

MDS 3.0 Distance Learning Series

In keeping with the success of previous highly-rated distance learning education offerings, IAHSA, AOPHA and Plante & Moran have again teamed to offer a series of affordable distance learning educational sessions about the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 which was implemented October 1, 2011. Each of these 11, 90 minute sessions is designed to build on one another and fit the needs of all disciplines involved in the assessment process. Each session will have time for questions and answers. The team can hear and see the same information at the same time via audio format; no travel expenses for the facility and continuing education certificates will be sent to your door. Jane Belt, MS, RN, RAC-MT, Consulting Manager, Plante & Moran, PLLC, Columbus, is the series speaker.

Please note that each event is scheduled for 1- 2:30 p.m. ET

- January 21: *Which Assessment and When* (IDT: Nursing, Therapy, Social Services, Activities, Dining Services).
- February 3: *Areas Affecting Overall Function* (IDT: Nursing, Therapy, Social Services, Activities, Dining Services).

For a full registration brochure outlining all the topics, [please click here](#).

Reimbursement Day Planned for February 15th

IAHSA has planned our second annual Reimbursement Day Seminar on February 15th. A variety of topics will be covered throughout the day including Value Based Purchasing; an overview on Accountable Care Organizations; Employer requirements under new health insurance laws; Medicaid Phase II and Rugs IV.

We are pleased to announce an impressive line-up of speakers for this event, including: Jane Belt, MS, GCNS-BC, RAC-MT, Plante & Moran Clinical Group; Barbara Manard, Vice President of Long-term Care and Health Strategies at AAHSA; Philip Gutwein, Baker & Daniels LLP; Scott E. Martin, CPA, Director, Crowe Horwath LLP; and Greg Arling, PhD, Associate Professor of Medicine & Scientist, Indiana University Center for Aging Research Regenstrief Institute. [Look for a full registration brochure in the next issue of e-NewsBriefs!](#)

Lacy Beyl Social Service Designee Course

February 7-10 & 14-17

Housing News

HUD Section 202 Reform Legislation Signed

IAHSA applauds AAHSA for their focused dedication to the revision of the HUD Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Program. They have pursued the legislation for four years.

S. 118, the Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act of 2009, was authored by Senator Herb Kohl (D-WI), the chair of the Senate Special Committee on Aging. S. 118 would address the acknowledged shortage of affordable senior housing by, among other things:

- Making it easier for owners to refinance Section 202 developments, many of which are in need of rehabilitation.
- Providing greater flexibility to owners to transform unmarketable studio apartments into rentable one-bedroom units
- Establishing a new project-based rental assistance program for seniors at risk of losing their rental housing due to rent increases after refinancing; and
- Making it easier for owners to make health and supportive services available to residents through service-enriched housing.

Resources

IAHSA now on Facebook and Twitter!

IAHSA has resolved to make new friends in 2011. Won't you join us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for a different kind of conversation? On these outposts we link to news stories that capture our interest and get to know our members on a casual level.

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Free Dementia Related In-Services Available

For the third year, the National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners is offering The National Council of Certified Dementia Practitioners Alzheimer's and Dementia Staff Education Week Tool Kit. The Tool Kit includes in-services with power point, handouts, pretests and post tests and is available at <http://www.nccdp.org>. They are available for download until March 1st 2011. Each in-service is designed to be taught in 30 minutes to health care professionals and front line staff.

Just for Fun -

Days and Other Occassions to Remember and Celebrate

- Jan 16-22 - National Activities Professionals Week
- Jan 17 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday
- Jan 23 - National Pie Day *and who doesn't like pie?*
- Jan 24-28 - National Medical Group Practice Week

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