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PADONA ENews

Dear PADONA Members:

I hope all of you enjoyed a pleasant holiday weekend.

Thanks so much to all of you who shared with us how you honored your nurses during Nurses week. I have included in this e-news your tributes.

It is very gratifying that so many of you have volunteered to serve on a committee. All the committees are re-organizing; if you notified us you wanted to serve and have not heard from us, please give me call. Even if you aren't able to serve on a committee but have suggestions, please share your thoughts with me.

As hard as it is to imagine we are already well into the planning of the March 2017 convention. Linda Chamberlain and her committee are in the process of selecting a theme and all speakers. We reviewed your evaluation suggestions when the speaker topics were selected. Recognizing that the hotel accommodations are a major expense, I have made arrangements at another local hotel for next year's convention, in addition to the Hotel Hershey and Lodge, where the rates will be a little lower. Additionally we are evaluating the exhibit hours to possibly incorporate your suggestion of starting earlier on Wednesday morning.

I welcome your input and suggestions. Please feel free to contact me to share your thoughts.

Chair, Board of Directors / Executive Director PADONA

Sharing How Some of our Members Celebrated Nurses Week

We had an entire week of fun at Southwestern Nursing Care Center!

- Monday: DON and ADON started at 0400 and cooked breakfast for the whole facility: 10 lbs of pancakes (some with whipped cream and chocolate chips) 9 lbs of bacon and 6 lbs of sausage—OJ and milk. Mis-matched dress
- Tuesday: tasteful t-shirts and Rita's for all
- Wednesday: wacky hat and walking tacos
- Thursday: Sports team attire and a cook out with all the fixins and cake
- Friday: handed out SWNCC T shirts, nurse survival goody bags and our corporation hand scooped sundaes for all





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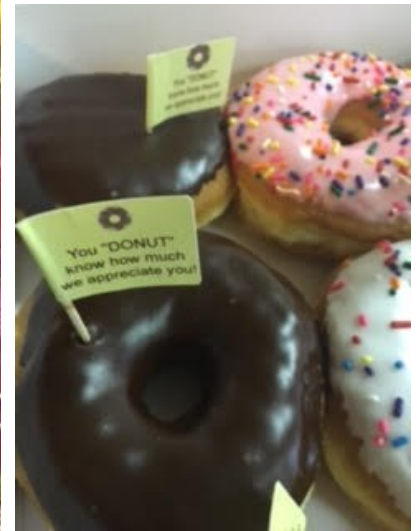
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Fellowship Community

May 6 at 10:54am · 🌐

National Nurses Week begins today. Fellowship Community thanks our dedicated nurses for the excellent care they provide to our residents in independent living, personal care, skilled nursing, short-term rehab, and memory care.





NEW RULES FOR PRACTITIONERS^[1]

Paula G. Sanders, Esquire^[2]

The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) recently issued a Medical Assistance Bulletin [3] reminding providers that any physician or practitioner who orders or prescribes for Medicaid patients is required to be enrolled in the Medicaid program. This is a significant change, as many practitioners have refused to enroll in the Medicaid program because of its low reimbursement rates.

DHS has already started to return an informational message to remind providers about the requirement that the ordering, referring or prescribing provider must be fully enrolled in the Medicaid Program. The informational message will state the ordering, referring or prescribing provider is “not on file”. “Not on file” means that the NPI entered on the claim does not match the NPI of an enrolled Medicaid provider.

Beginning September 25, 2016, fee-for service claims will be denied if the ordering, referring or prescribing provider is not enrolled in the Medicaid program. DHS will be matching the NPI of the ordering/referring/prescribing practitioner against the state database of enrolled providers. If there is no match, there will be no payment.

Providers such as hospitals, long term care facilities, pharmacies and clinical laboratories are advised to verify the ordering practitioner’s Medicaid enrollment status. Prepare now by reviewing and/or creating policies to make sure that your team has a process to verify practitioners’ Medicaid enrollment. The Department has created a tool called the “Medical Assistance (MA) Enrolled Provider Portal Lookup” to assist in the verification process. This tool is available to enrolled Medicaid providers and will allow them to verify if practitioners who are ordering and referring items and services for Medicaid beneficiaries are enrolled in the Medicaid Program. Enrolled providers may access the tool by logging into DHS PROMISE™ Internet provider portal at <https://promise.dpw.state.pa.us/portal/Default.aspx?alias=promise.dpw.state.pa.us/portal/provider>

This policy change can affect payment for any Medicaid fee-for-service payment. Any entity that receives payment for services provided to Medicaid beneficiaries will need to verify whether the prescribing practitioner is enrolled in Medicaid. Practitioners who are not yet enrolled should do so as soon as possible.

Directors of Nursing should work with their Medical Directors to assure that all practitioners who provide care at their facilities are properly enrolled in the Medicaid and Medicare programs. Note that at this time, Pennsylvania is requiring full Medicaid enrollment. This is different than the Medicare program which allows practitioners to enroll in Medicare solely for the purpose of being able to order, refer or prescribe for Medicare beneficiaries.

[1] This article does not offer specific legal advice, nor does it create an attorney-client relationship. You should not reach any legal conclusions based on the information contained in this article without first seeking the advice of counsel.

[2] Ms. Sanders is a Principal and Co-Chair of the national health law practice of Post & Schell, P.C. She may be reached at psanders@postschell.com and 717-612-6027.

[3] The Bulletin is available at (http://dhs.pa.gov/cs/groups/webcontent/documents/bulletin_admin/c_224393.pdf)



Welcome New Members!

- Tiffany Fritz - Valley View Nursing Center - Area II
- Heather Kaltenbach - Clarview Nursing & Rehab Center - Area I
- Angel Waddell - Grane Healthcare - Area

Regulatory Spotlight: "Q and A"

Question #1 submitted to PADONA:

I have a question regarding PICC Lines and Removal in Nursing Homes. I was just informed from another Nursing Home DON that there is a regulation regarding removal of PICC Lines in a Nursing home. I was told that the regulation states that PICC Lines are not to be removed if the resident is residing in a Nursing Home. I am not familiar with this regulation and having difficulty finding any such regulation. I know that you must have policies in place and you must abide by the Nurse Practice Act set forth for your Licensed Nurses but I am not aware of any regulation that states you cannot remove them.

Can you guide me in the right direction or guide me to the regulation that has been set forth ?

Answer question #1 is as follows:

There are no federal or state nursing home regulations that prohibit this.

Our PA Board of Nursing doesn't say anything about not removing PICC lines. The INS standard only says the RN must have the education and experience necessary to remove a PICC meaning according to the new INS standard, the RN would have had to have attended a structured IV course related to PICC lines.

Question #2 submitted to PADONA:

Do you have a updated copy of the Survey Entry Guide for the DOH. I didn't see one on the Message Board.

Answer question #2 is as follows:

[Entrance Guide](#)

Question #3 submitted to PADONA:

Does anyone have information on the 2 step ppd waiver that was sent from DOH a few years ago? The PA codes don't really seem to reflect information about moving away from 2 step ppd for staff. I recall moving away from this at my previous employer with a waiver from DOH.

Answer question #3 is as follows:

That only applied during vaccine shortage



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- Extensive downloadable course material
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- Online certification exam from the American Society for Long Term Care Nurses (ASLTCN) allows you to become certified and utilize the initials “*CNDLTC*” for qualified attendees (have an active RN license, be a member of PADONA or the ASLTCN; have at least 12 months experience in Nursing Administration in long term care, including six months as a DON or ADON)
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