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Dear PADONA Members:

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. The committee chairs will soon be scheduling their first committee conference call so be watching your emailing for the day and time. Even if you aren't able to serve on a committee but have suggestions, please share your thoughts with me.

May 6–12 is National Nurses week. The theme this year is “Nursing: The Balance of Mind, Body, and Spirit.” We are asking you to share with us how you celebrated and honored your nurses. If you have any pictures send them to me as well. In the June e-news we would like to publish what you have shared with us.

The membership committee has designed a membership recruitment campaign with some generous rewards for the winners. This information will be emailed to you from your Area President very soon. I encourage each of you to recruit new members to help PADONA continue to grow and flourish.

We will soon be planning the 2018 convention. The suggestions you shared on the evaluations will all be reviewed and we will incorporate as many as possible. Since it will be our 30th convention, and yes that is hard to imagine, we are going to plan a few special things. If you have any thoughts please let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you and if you have any questions or suggestions please contact me either via telephone at 610-847-5396 or email at padona@ptd.net.

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Physician Delegation of Tasks in Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs) and Nursing Facilities (NFs)

[This memorandum replaces Survey and Certification memorandum S&C-04-08 dated November 13, 2003, which discusses physician delegation of tasks in SNFs and NFs.](#)



Regulatory Spotlight: "Q and A"

Question #1 submitted to PADONA:

A question has come up at my facility regarding the flu vaccine. It is my understanding per the Department of Health, the administration of the flu vaccine starts on October 1st and ends on March 31st. Lastly, surveillance is defined as monitoring for symptoms of the flu. It is my understanding the surveillance period starts on October 1st and ends May 20th.

Can you advise me if the above is accurate and consistent with the PA Department of Health regulations?

Answer question #1 is as follows:

After checking with Kiera Sanderson, RAI Coordinator for PA, this response was sent on April 7, 2017, for the inquiry:

The starting point is when the vaccine is available in the geographic area, and the ending point is when there is no more flu activity in the area.

The reference is on page O-8 of the RAI User's Manual v1.14-

...residents should be immunized as soon as the vaccine becomes available and continue until influenza is no longer circulating in your geographic area.

Helpful Resources

- Information about the current influenza season can be obtained by accessing the CDC Seasonal Influenza (Flu) website. This website provides information on influenza activity and has an interactive map that shows geographic spread of influenza: <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>, <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/usmap.htm>.
- Facilities can also contact their local health department website for local influenza surveillance information.

Question #2 submitted to PADONA:

- How does DOH make the determination of when a facility is placed on a provisional license?
- What criteria are used to clear a facility from a provisional license?

Answer question #2 is as follows:

A provisional license is issued based in the following regulations:

28 PA Code Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Long Term Care Facilities Chapter 201.13 (b)(c)(f) relative to Issuance of License and Health Care Facilities Act of 1979 Chapter 8 Section 812 Provisional License.

Provisional license may be imposed "...when there are numerous deficiencies or a specific serious deficiency...." Provisional license may be issued for a period of not more than 6 months and may be renewed 3 times at the discretion of the department.

An onsite state relicensure survey will be conducted prior to its expiration and dependent on the results, if in substantial compliance with licensure regulations, a 'regular' (one year) license will be issued.



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Welcome New Members!

- JoAnn Adkins - PA Patient Safety Authority - Area II
- Katherine Clowney - Phoebe Wyncote - Area III
- Rebecca Glass - Homestead Village - Area II
- Caroline Green - Reading Health Rehabilitation Hospital - Area III
- Kennedy Kovick - Curavi Health - Area I
- Tom Leonard - Trinity Rehab Services - Area I
- Dona Manson - Saint Mary's Home of Erie - Area I
- Melissa Shafer - Gracedale - Area III
- Krista Trostle - Pinecrest Manor - Area I
- Kristine Vayo - Genesis - Area III

2018 Exhibitors: Sign Up for the PADONA 30th Annual Early -
Exhibitor locations are already booked for 2018!
Convention in Hershey, PA, April 4 through 6, 2018

[2018 Exhibitor Space Contract](#)

[2018 Break Exhibitor Space Contract](#)

