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Thanks for Another Successful LNHA Spring Conference

LNHA has returned from another successful Spring Conference that took place at the Crowne Plaza in Baton Rouge.



Approximately 250 people attended from across the state to learn about the interface between rehospitalization, the IMPACT Act, quality and payment. Attendees also learned how to avoid the accumulation of per-day civil money penalties because of Immediate Jeopardy findings. This year's conference strived to provide informative sessions and comprehensive training presented by experts in their professions. We hope the attendees enjoyed it! Please complete the online Conference survey to be sent later this week. Join us again this fall for LNHA's 2015 Annual Convention and Trade Show on September 21-23 at the New Orleans Riverside Hilton.

Governor Jindal Proclaims May 10-16 as Nursing Home Week in Louisiana



Governor Jindal proclaimed May 10-16, 2015 as Nursing Home Week in Louisiana. LNHA urges every facility to celebrate this week and make it a special time of entertainment and education all while focusing on bringing to life the subtheme of "Familia, Vida and Amor" (family, life, love). Show how your facility, as part of culture change, brings these vital attributes of quality care to the forefront, irrespective of anyone's age or physical or intellectual ability. [Print the proclamation](#) and display it in your facility and share it on social media. What a wonderful opportunity to entice in new guests, infrequent visitors and local elected officials.

Join the conversation and connect with LNHA today!

New Dementia Partnership Workshop

On Thursday, May 28, 2015, the Dementia Partnership will host the first of a series of workshops across the state as part of the Partnership's efforts to reduce the use of antipsychotics in nursing facilities. Louisiana ranks once again as the state with the highest percentage of residents taking antipsychotics. With CMS adding two new quality measures, referencing the use of antipsychotics for short-stay residents as part of the Five-Star ratings, there will be increasing pressure on facilities to lower the reliance on antipsychotics and move to more person-centered approaches. The Partnership found that some of the submitted data may be the result of improper coding which will be addressed in these workshops.

These are hands-on workshops and participants will be asked to bring information from their facilities to take part in exercises throughout the day. The workshop is designed for administrators, directors of nursing, registered nurses, MDS/QA staff and care plan members as well as consultant pharmacists. The workshop is co-provided by St. Elizabeth Professional Development and LEADER. St. Elizabeth Hospital Professional Development is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the South Central Accreditation Programs. Contact hours will be awarded based on attendance at the session and completion of an evaluation. The workshop has been approved for 4.0 CEUs.

The first workshop is at the East Jefferson Library, 4747 Napoleon Avenue, Metairie, 70001. It begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m. Space is limited to 75 participants. LNHA urges members to participate in these workshops and additional times and sites will be found on the LNHA website once the schedule is finalized. Registration is available [here](#).

Author: KarenSue Zoeller



Check out this month's issue of the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) News. In recognition of National Nursing Home Week, QIO News is helping highlight how the QIO Program and its national and community partners are striving to instill quality performance and improvement practices in nursing facilities across the country. Read the issue [here](#).



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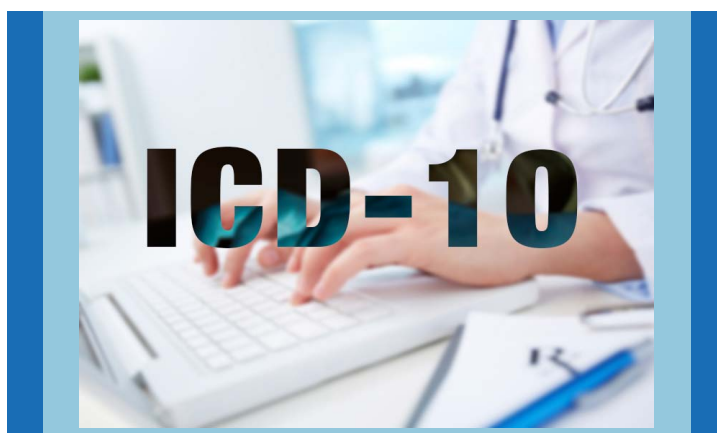
Are you receiving LNHA's weekly Legislative Update on Fridays? LNHA Regulatory Director KarenSue Zoeller authors this email each week sharing a clean, easy to navigate summary of each bill that LNHA is monitoring or supporting. Email Karen Miller at kmiller@lnha.org with your name, facility name, email address, and title to be added to receive this email digest.

Sign Up Today to Receive Action Alerts

LNHA is using voterVOICE again this year to send action alert emails to those who choose to participate during the legislative session. I have noticed dozens of members have yet to sign up for these alerts. It is of utmost importance that we have all members participate.

To sign up for the action alerts, click the link below. To register your information into the new system, you must take action today. This will allow you to be notified in future “take action” efforts. Although your information may be in voterVOICE, it will not be active unless you complete this first “take action” notice. Please fill out the appropriate contact information and ensure all existing information is correct.

It is imperative that your home address and business address are listed correctly because this program only allows you to contact the state officials in your district. Your participation will help LNHA ensure continued productive legislative success in 2015. **Take action [here](#)**. Author: Joe Donchess, LNHA Executive Director



Countdown to ICD-10-CM: Are You Ready?

LNHA has teamed up with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System to provide a day and a half comprehensive training and education that will greatly help you in your transition to ICD-10. This transition will affect every aspect of your facility; everyone needs to prepare for the complexities and specificities of ICD-10. This training will help you understand the particulars and will share helpful guides to assist you in your American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) certification.

LOCATIONS AND DATES

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| • Northshore Community College, Hammond, LA | June 23-24, 2015 |
| • River Parishes Community College, Sorrento, LA | June 29-30, 2015 |
| • Delta Community College, Monroe, LA | July 7-8, 2015 |
| • Northwest LA Technical College, Minden, LA | July 9-10, 2015 |

PRICING: Members: \$375; Nonmembers: \$750. This price includes the following two books: ICD-10-CM Coder Training Manual, 2015 Edition, AHIMA Trainer/Ambassador and the ICD-10-CM Codebook - OPTUM.

AHIMA offers certification as a Certified Coding Associate (CCA) which requires a high school diploma or equivalent and at least six months of coding experience directly applying codes. Individuals are responsible for applying directly to AHIMA for permission to take and schedule the test. The AHIMA Candidate Guide is available [here](#). The guide provides in-depth assistance for those interested in taking the test to gain certification.

View the [flyer](#) and [register today!](#) Space is limited.



Spotlight on Emergency Preparedness Seminar

Join LNHA for a one-day seminar providing emergency preparedness training for health care professionals. It should be a priority for each facility to ensure adequate preparation. From evacuations to sheltering in place to having access to generators and transportation, preparedness is of utmost importance for the safety and well-being of all your residents and staff. This seminar will help prepare participants for these emergency situations. Seasoned emergency preparedness leaders will discuss their best practices; provide successful policies and procedures; and share effective resources needed in times of a disaster. LNHA is offering this special one-day seminar in two locations to ensure all members have an opportunity to attend.

We are pleased to have keynote speaker Raymond Miller, Director of Risk & Safety Solutions at Direct Supply. He serves on the AHCA Emergency Preparedness Committee. His presentation is entitled “Keeping Emergencies from Becoming Disasters Through Preparation and Training.” We are excited to have several other speakers delivering informative presentations. LNHA Executive Director Joe Donchess will make opening remarks. See the agenda below for more information on each speaker and their topics.

DATES AND LOCATIONS

- Thursday, June 11, 2015 – Paragon Hotel, 711 Paragon Place, Marksville, LA
 - Friday, June 12, 2015 – West Baton Rouge Conference Center, 2750 North Westport Dr., Port Allen, LA
- Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Class starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.

PRICING: Members: \$125; Nonmembers: \$225

CONTACT HOURS: This session has been approved by the Louisiana Board of Examiners of Nursing Facility Administrators for 5 continuing education hours. This activity is co-provided by LSUHSC School of Nursing and Louisiana Nursing Home Association. Louisiana State University HSC School of Nursing, Faculty Development Continuing Nursing Ed & Entrepreneurial Enterprise is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Centers Commission on Accreditation. 4.5 continuing education hours have been submitted and are pending approval.

Register [online](#) today! Space is limited.

Cancellation Policy: Written cancellation of a registration received in the LNHA office at least 10 days prior to the program will be refunded in full. Otherwise, one-third of the fee will be retained or billed for administrative costs.

If you have questions, contact Maureen Velez at 225.927.5642 or at mvelez@lnha.org.

LNHA's Upcoming Events and Save the Dates!



New events have been added to the [News and Events webpage](#) and to the e-calendar. To register for an event, visit www.lnha.org and click the calendar icon on the home page and select the appropriate event.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 11 (Marksville) and June 12 (Port Allen): Spotlight on Emergency Preparedness
- June 23-24: ICD-10, Hammond
- June 29-30: ICD-10, Sorrento
- July 7-8: ICD-10, Monroe
- July 9-10: ICD-10, Minden
- June 25-26: Social Service Director Workshop, Baton Rouge

SAVE THE DATES:

- August 25-26: DON Boot Camp
- September 21-23: Annual Convention and Trade Show

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