



Weekly Roundup

...Reporting the state and national long term care news

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Friday, October 26, 2012

ANHA NEWS

OBRA Office to Launch New Level I Screening Form in December 2012 – Webinar Planned for November 14th

Editor's note: The following article was provided by Angela Howard from the OBRA Screening Office at the Alabama Dept. of Mental Health.

On December 1, 2012, the OBRA PASRR Office is slated to launch a new LTC-14 Form, more commonly known as the Level I Screening Form. Prior to the launch, in association with the Alabama Nursing Home Association, **the OBRA Office will offer a webinar on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, to introduce the new form.** The webinar is scheduled from 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. It will highlight changes, provide guidance on user navigation and offer an opportunity to ask questions. Registration is limited to 100 lines. Please note that this webinar will be recorded and available through ANHA's website as well as the OBRA website. Registration is free, and no CEUs will be provided.

The following link is for the registration page:

<https://www.yourcall.com/events/RTRBRTM4RDQ5RTRCOEZEMg==>

The new Level I Form has been specially designed to facilitate the admission and continued residence of persons in Medicaid certified facilities. Before we created a final product, we solicited the support of the nursing home and hospital community. From this assembly, we selected a PASRR Focus Group to review the proposed form and provide feedback. The invaluable feedback allowed us to modify the form in a manner that benefits PASRR stakeholders and develop a document that is both comprehensive and user friendly.

The new Level I Form showcases valuable technical prompts that assist the user in completing the form, which minimizes the need for substantial technical assistance. Some of the prompts we provide relate to PRN medications, situational diagnoses, dementia and seizure disorder. Also, the form includes the following diagnoses: obsessive compulsive disorder, post traumatic stress disorder, panic disorder, schizoaffective disorder and somatoform disorder. Additionally, the language on the form supports Rosa's Law and intellectual disability advocates by removing the term "mental retardation" and any associated acronyms and replacing it with "intellectual disability."

From a computer technology standpoint, the form is easier to navigate. OBRA PASRR's data management team will begin implementing the new system on Friday, November 30, 2012, at

4:00 p.m. Therefore, if you need a Level I determination prior to 5:00 p.m. on this date, ensure that the OBRA Office receives your Level I by 3:00 p.m. The new Level I computer-based system will be fully operational on Saturday, December 1, 2012. It will allow you to utilize your same user ID and password.

Update on My InnerView Customer Survey

If you have signed up for the My InnerView (MIV) survey, today, Friday, October 26 is the deadline to submit your order for resident and employee surveys and to submit mailing addresses for family members. You may order your Resident and Employee surveys in bulk using the Bulk Survey submission form provided by My InnerView.

To order your family surveys use the data file template to submit family names and addresses.

- Go to www.myinnerview.com. Enter your user name/password.
- On the Home page, click on 'eLearning site' link.
- Click on Satisfaction Survey Resources.
- Under the Pre-Survey Toolkit scroll down to Screening Residents and Clients. You may use the resident screening tool to determine if residents are capable of completing the survey.
- Select the Data File Template under 'Submitting Customer Addresses'.
- Review the instructions on how to complete the spreadsheet. Accurate names and complete mailing addresses are critical for residents, family members or other responsible parties. Your survey response rate is directly affected by the accuracy of your mailing list.
- E-mail all facilities on one data file as an attachment to surveys@myinnerview.com.

Medication Administration

ANHA has been in contact with the Alabama Board of Pharmacy as well as the Alabama Board of Nursing in regards to the handling of medication passes when a resident is scheduled to be out of the facility on a day pass or therapeutic leave (with physician's approval and knowledge). Listed below is a suggested policy.

Suggested Model Policy:

1. The nurse provides the resident or family member with the doses of oral medications to cover the time the resident is to be on day-pass or therapeutic leave. Each dose would be placed in a marked envelope showing the medication, dose time, procedure for administering (e.g., with food or before or after eating). Instructions for giving the medication(s) to the resident are provided both verbally and in writing to the resident/responsible party.
2. The nurse documents on the resident's record that the resident has received a supply of medication(s) to self-administer while on pass and documents on the Medication Administration Record "out on pass".

NATIONAL NEWS

New Process for Beneficiary Name/Number Mismatches

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has implemented a change in how it handles name and number mismatches. In the past when a claim was submitted with a beneficiary name that did not match the name associated with the Health Insurance Claim Number (HICN) in CMS records, CMS assumed that the submitter made a mistake in listing the

name. Accordingly, when the contractor returned the claim, it returned the name of the beneficiary that was associated with that HICN. If the submitter entered the wrong HICN, this could have resulted in the submitter receiving information belonging to a beneficiary the provider had not treated. If this happens in the future, the provider will instead receive the name it originally submitted with the claim.

As part of this change, CMS will no longer perform name searches. A name search used to occur where there was a name number mismatch and the system looked for a slight variation of the name, such as a switch of adjoining letters. In other words, a claim may have been processed even though the information submitted with the claim was not an exact match with CMS records. In the future, such claims will be returned. If that occurs, the provider will need to verify the beneficiary's entitlement information, correct its records and resubmit the claim.

Part D Guidance

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has released guidance on 2012 Part D low-income subsidy reassignment timelines as well as announced new resources on the reassignment process. *Attached is the CMS Bulletin laying out the target dates for information dissemination and subsequent plan enrollment as well as detail on the new resources.*

Below is a short summary of key bulletin elements:

- **CMS Guide to Part D Mailings:** This guide will summarize each notice's message, explain when it will be sent, and include the color of the paper on which the notice will be printed. This guide is available on the CMS Limited Income and Resources Web page at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Prescription-Drug-Coverage/LimitedIncomeandResources/LIS-Notices-and-Mailings.html>. The model beneficiary letters also will be posted on this Web page, as they become available.
- **State Notification:** In October, CMS will send to each state files containing the names of individuals who have been reassigned. On October 17, 2012, CMS will send two files, if applicable, to each state. The first will list the LIS-eligible individuals in their state who will receive a blue PDP reassignment letter and the second file will list the LIS-eligible individuals who will receive a blue MA reassignment letter. Customer service representatives at 1-800-MEDICARE will be prepared to answer questions about the reassignment process and about beneficiaries' full range of options. In addition, plan information will be available at www.medicare.gov. The reassignment files that CMS sends to states will contain a list of full duals, partial duals, Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-only eligible individuals, and approved LIS applicants residing in their state who will be receiving blue notices from CMS informing them that they will be reassigned. Individuals whom a State Pharmaceutical Assistance Program has requested that CMS carve-out of the reassignment process, under its authority to enroll on behalf of its members, will not be included in this file. This exclusion will ensure that such beneficiaries are reassigned only once. These reassignments will subsequently appear on the states' normal monthly MMA response file starting on or after October 15.

STATE NEWS

Alabama Receives Funds for Money Follows the Person Project

Editor's Note: The following information was provided by the Alabama Medicaid Agency.

Alabama was one of three states notified by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) that its request for a Money Follows the Person Rebalancing (MFP) Grant Demonstration project had been approved. Montana and South Dakota also received MFP grants, joining 43 other states and the District of Columbia with MFP initiatives.

The MFP program is designed to help states “rebalance” their long term care systems by increasing the use of home and community-based services and decreasing the use of institutional care. States will use MFP funds to expand services and supports in the community to make it possible for more individuals to live in the community.

Ginger Wettingfeld, deputy director of Medicaid’s Long Term Care Division and manager for the grant project said that the average cost of Home and Community Based Services for this group of individuals will be approximately \$34,800 during the first year. However, expenditures for MFP enrollees have been found to decrease significantly in ensuing years.

Alabama will receive \$3.4 million in the first year and up to \$28 million over the four year project in the form of an enhanced matching rate to support the successful transition of 625 individuals from an institutional setting to community living. The project should not require new costs to the state, but rather a shifting of some current expenditures from institutional based programs to community based programs.

The majority of the expenditures will go to provide Home and Community Based Services for Medicaid-eligible individuals who are elderly or have disabilities and who choose to transition from nursing facilities or a state-operated psychiatric hospital (only applies to recipients under 21 or over 65 for this type of facility). Most are expected to transition to one of Medicaid’s seven HCBS waiver programs or to a PACE program. Grant funds will cover the upfront costs associated with transitioning each individual as well as administrative costs of operating the program and will be paid during the first year of each person’s transition.

The Alabama Dept. of Mental Health is planning to work with Medicaid to develop and operate a second Alabama Community Transition waiver. This waiver would enable Medicaid recipients who have a developmental disability or a mental illness-related diagnosis to have the opportunity to move to the community as well.

Ventlab Corporation Issues Nationwide Recall of its Manual Resuscitators

ANHA was notified this week that on July 11, 2012, Ventlab Corporation initiated a nationwide recall of 14,602 of its manual resuscitators. The recalled manual resuscitators have been found to potentially deliver little to no air/oxygen through the patient valve to the patient, which could result in life threatening health consequences that include hypoxia and hypoventilation.

End users who have manual resuscitators at the lot numbers *listed in the attachment* should stop using them and immediately contact Ventlab Corporation for further instructions on the return of these products. Recalled manual resuscitators were manufactured and distributed nationwide to distributors that sold and distributed products to hospitals, clinics and EMS units from March 2012 to July 2012. Products can be identified by the part number, description and lot number on case labels, as well as a small white label on the individual packaging bag.

End users with questions may contact the company via telephone at 1-800-593-5654 between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Consumers may also contact the company via e-mail at csr@ventlab.com. *Please see the attachment for a list of recalled products.*

Medicaid Provider Re-enrollment in Progress for All Providers

Federal requirements mandate providers re-enroll periodically with the Alabama Medicaid program. Alabama Medicaid's fiscal agent, HP Enterprise Services, began the provider re-enrollment process in July 2012. Providers are selected for re-enrollment monthly based on the longest date of enrollment. A letter will be sent to the payee address on file for the provider when it is time for the provider to re-enroll. Only providers who are sent a letter will be allowed to download a facsimile from the interactive website. Please **do not** notify other providers or everyone in your network of the need to complete re-enrollment, as this has caused mass panic to those who had not yet been selected (not because they were omitted but because they were not due yet), and problems with HP receiving an influx of calls and unnecessary information. The letter instructs the provider to log onto the Interactive Medicaid Secure website and download a facsimile of the information on file. Instructions for downloading the facsimile can also be found on the Medicaid Agency website. Once the information has been printed and reviewed, the provider should sign page three of the facsimile, complete the appropriate forms and mail to HP Enterprise Services using the address provided on the letter and the facsimile. If changes are necessary, providers should make the appropriate changes on the facsimile. Please read the information on the facsimile carefully, as some providers have to send in additional information (For example EPSDT screening providers have to complete another EPSDT screening agreement form and return for processing). Documentation requirements can be found on the Medicaid Agency Website.

Facility or Group: If the provider enrolling is a facility or a group (not an individual practitioner), the signed facsimile, a provider agreement for the group, any additional forms as outlined below and a provider disclosure form for each individual that is an owner, Agent, Managing employee, Officer, Directors, and Shareholders with 5% or more controlling interest must be completed and returned.

NOTE: The individuals/practitioners enrolled under the group do not complete an agreement until the provider has received notification to re-enroll. It is important to know that not all providers within the group will re-enroll at the same time.

Providers & Vendors Should Be Preparing Now for ICD-10 Implementation: A Note from the Alabama Medicaid Agency

The International Classification of Diseases, 10th Revision (ICD-10) medical coding system is mandated for use by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS); replacing ICD-9 CM codes (volumes 1-3). Due to the enhanced specificity and level of detail of the ICD-10 code set, the transition is anticipated to have a significant impact on the Alabama Medicaid program, health care providers and trading partners. ICD-10 Clinical Modification (CM) and the ICD-10 Procedure Code System (PCS) codes will improve the ability to monitor the incidence and prevalence of diseases, track treatment and health care delivery, prepare for Electronic Health Record (EHR) use, and manage reimbursement.

The current implementation date for this code set is October 1, 2013. DHHS proposed a rule that would delay the compliance date for ICD-10 from October 1, 2013 to October 1, 2014. Public comments gathered during the comment period are being analyzed and the Department will issue a final rule as expeditiously as possible. Alabama Medicaid is currently in the process of making system modifications for ICD-10. To keep providers informed, we have created a link on the Medicaid website for ICD-10 information and updates. The link will be updated regularly as new information becomes available for providers and vendors. The link is located on the Medicaid website on the provider tab. HP will also be asking providers and vendors to complete a readiness survey beginning in January. The links will be available on the Medicaid website, and information will be used to ensure a smooth transition for ICD-10.

ICD-10 COMMUNICATION

To receive email or fax updates concerning ICD-10 changes please take a moment to update contact information.

• Providers

Providers interested in receiving updates concerning ICD-10 should ensure email and fax numbers are updated by logging onto the Provider Web Portal and updating contact information.

Website: <https://www.medicaid.alabamaservices.org/ALPortal/default.aspx>

Navigation: Providers > Provider Maintenance > Provider Location Contact Information

• Trading Partners

Trading Partners interested in receiving updates concerning ICD-10 should ensure email addresses are updated by logging onto the Provider Web Portal and updating account information. Website: <https://www.medicaid.alabamaservices.org/ALPortal/default.aspx>

Navigation: Account > Account Maintenance

Medicaid now has a section on our website dedicated to ICD-10. The information can be found at the following link:

http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/6.0_Providers/6.12_ICD-10/6.12_ICD-10.aspx

The website will be updated regularly as new information is made available for providers.

ICD-10 TESTING

Medicaid now has a section on our website dedicated to ICD-10. The information can be found at the following link:

http://www.medicaid.alabama.gov/CONTENT/6.0_Providers/6.12_ICD-10/6.12_ICD-10.aspx

Testing will be available summer of 2013. Once a firm start date and further testing definition is established the website will be updated so continue to check back regularly.

ICD-10 TESTING PARTICIPATION

Alabama Medicaid would like to engage Providers and Trading Partners interested in testing ICD-10 in summer 2013. Please submit the following to alabamaictesting@hp.com.

- Provider/Trading Partner Name
- Testing Contact Name
- Testing Contact Number, Email
- List transactions interested in testing

If interested in testing and continuing to receive updates on testing please ensure your communication contact information is up to date. Please go back and review the ICD-10 Communication section on this page for directions on updating this information.

ICD-10 TYPES OF TESTING

Testing is highly encouraged and will focus on transactions that provide for the submission of ICD-10 codes.

The following is a list of transactions anticipated for testing:

- Claims - 837 Professional, 837 Institutional
- Prior Authorization
- 835 Remittance Advice

ICD-10 END-TO-END TESTING

Full End-to-End Testing will be available. The following information provides direction for setup and what to expect.

- To ensure claims submitted will be available on the 835 a link between the Trading Partner ID and the Provider ID submitted in the claims transactions must be established. The following form 835 Testing TP Link Form must be copied into an email and submitted to alabamaictesting@hp.com prior to the start of end-to-end testing. An email notification will be returned once the link has been completed and end-to-end testing may begin.
- Please submit claims transactions with an ISA15 Interchange Usage Indicator value of a "P" if an 835 is desired.
- 835 files will be available for download through the trade files option on the web portal each Friday after 3:00 pm.

ICD-10 SECURE TESTING WEBSITE <https://www.alabama-uat.com/ALPortal/>

ICD-10 TEST MONITORING AND STATUS REPORTING

Alabama Medicaid would like to hear from Providers and Trading Partners who are actively testing and will be asking for feedback on testing efforts in general. A testing progress form will be made available once testing begins and all parties testing will be asked to complete this testing progress form.

ICD-10 GENERAL TESTING INQUIRIES

For general questions about ICD-10 testing please send an email to alabamaictesting@hp.com.

ICD-10 PROVIDER ELECTRONIC SOLUTIONS (PES) SOFTWARE

The Provider Electronic Solutions Software is currently undergoing modifications for ICD-10 and a test version will be made available for testing summer 2013.

ADPH Offers Guidance to Facilities on Meningitis Outbreak

Editors Note: The following information was provided by the Alabama Dept. of Public Health's Center for Emergency Preparedness.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is stating that it cannot guarantee the safety of any products from the company, NECC. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is suggesting that health care providers who received and used products from this company notify patients. Some states have had individuals approach clinics and facilities claiming to be FDA investigators and asking for lists of patients that received NECC products. While the FDA and DOJ are involved in this investigation, it is not common practice for the FDA to request patient specific records. Other facilities have reported requests from public health imposters with instructions on how specimens should be collected on suspect cases and where to send these

specimens. Please verify all requests and report any of these situations to ADPH immediately by calling (800) 338-8374.

Other key information is available on the CDC website at the following links. Please note, the information changes on a daily basis, so if you download and distribute to others, please check back frequently to update your information. Finally, please forward this information to others in your facility that may need the information.

- FDA Statement on Fungal Meningitis Outbreak: Additional Patient Notification Advised
<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/DrugSafety/ucm322734.htm>
- Frequently Asked Questions for Clinicians: Multistate Fungal Meningitis Outbreak Investigation
http://www.cdc.gov/hai/outbreaks/clinicians/faq_meningitis_outbreak.html
- What Should Physicians Be Doing?
<http://www.cdc.gov/hai/outbreaks/clinicians/what-physicians-should-be-doing.html>
- Frequently Asked Questions For Patients: Multistate Fungal Meningitis Outbreak Investigation
<http://www.cdc.gov/hai/outbreaks/patients/faq-meningitis-outbreak-patients.html>

FACILITY NEWS

Cordova Health & Rehab Earns Deficiency Free Survey!

Cordova Health & Rehab recently earned a deficiency free health survey! Matt Cornelius is the Administrator and Sherri Sartain is the Director of Nursing. The facility is located in Cordova and is owned by NHS Management. Congratulations to the staff of Cordova Health & Rehab on this outstanding accomplishment!

Terri Jean Camp Crowned Ms. Alabama Nursing Home



Athens Rehab & Senior Care resident Terry Jean Camp was recently crowned Ms. Alabama Nursing Home 2012. Ms. Camp will complete the reign of pageant winner Viola Thomas who passed away in September. Ms. Camp will be glad to visit your facility or attend special events. To invite Ms. Alabama Nursing Home, contact Misty Gilbert at Athens Rehab & Senior Care at (256) 232-1620.

OTHER NEWS

Nurse Imposter

ANHA has been notified that Susan Elaine Boyce, age 58, was indicted in a neighboring state on several federal charges and is currently at large. Ms. Boyce also goes by the names of Suzanne

Pitts and Suzanne Johnson. She is alleging that she is a licensed nurse. She is not a licensed nurse. If she should happen to apply for a nurse position at your facility, please call the Office of Inspector General for the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services at 888-476-4453.

Disaster Preparedness

The National Center for Disaster Medical Response, University of South Alabama Center for Strategic Health Innovation (NCDMR/CSHI) would like to invite you to participate in a two day Emergency Preparedness Workshop. This program is a result of a cooperative effort between NCDMR/CSHI, the Alabama Department of Public Health Center for Emergency Preparedness, the Alabama Nursing Home Association, Alabama Hospital Association and the Alabama Primary Health Care Association.

The focus of ARRTC Administrative will target issues and concerns specifically important to Chief and Administrative personnel of health care facilities in Alabama responsible for leadership and guidance during emergencies and disasters. The goal is to provide an environment for knowledge exchange, a forum for discussion of lessons learned, and an opportunity for participants to have an interactive conversation about specific emergency management issues identified from recent disaster responses.

NCDMR/CSHI will host two sessions:

November 13-14, 2012

April 16-17, 2013

The agenda will be the same for both sessions so do not limit participation to one person; however, registration will be limited to 75 per session.

The *attached brochure* includes the details about topics, speakers and logistics of travel and accommodations. Please complete the registration form and fax or mail it to CSHI. Feel free to call David Wallace at (251) 461-1805 or (251) 461-1392 if you have any questions.

ADPH 4th Annual Education Conference

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) will hold its 4th Annual Education Conference on Friday, November 9, at the Marriott Prattville Hotel & Conference Center. This course is designed for health care facility staff, design professionals, contractors and subcontractors associated with healthcare facilities. The course has been approved for 4.5 hours for Alabama NHAs by the Alabama Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators. For more information contact Debbie Stuckey at dstuckey@alaha.org or 1-800-489-2542.

Upgrades Greatly Enhances Free LTC Trend Tracker

LTC Trend Tracker (LTCTT) released new upgrades during this week. Included will be support for the new 2012 QMs, a Five Star QM Report and enhanced printing of the dashboard. The Five Star Rating QM report is a game changer and will allow users to model various QM scores based on actual or desired facility data to see the overall effect on their QM rating, and what total score it will take to get to the next desired star rating.

Remember LTCTT is a free American Health Care Association (AHCA) member benefit, so if you are not one of the over 4,800 registered AHCA members using LTCTT, go to www.ltctrendtracker.com to learn more.

Free LTC Trend Tracker Webinars

In light of new changes in the long term care landscape and needing to be on top of your data, this is an excellent time to participate in AHCA's informative, free webinar on LTC Trend Tracker (LTCTT).

LTCTT users can track, organize, identify, benchmark, examine and compare facility data on multiple CASPER reports in minutes without the "data mania" or "data drama" that often ensues in facilities not using LTCTT. LTCTT is a free member service provided by the American Health Care Association (AHCA). Please click on the link to register for the webinar that best suits your needs.

These webinars are designed for the person that is not registered and wants to learn more about this free member service:

- October 25 at 1:00 p.m.: <https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=pb1whlwz2wmu>

Learn more about how to use the recent upgrades: off-label antipsychotic, Rehospitalization, QM Modeling Report:

- October 29 at 1:00 p.m.: <https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=uvy2wx1sp1zp>

These webinars are designed for the registered user, we will review secrets of the system:

- Friday October 26 at 10:00 a.m.: <https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=bu17gwymwnjw>
- November 1 at 1:00 p.m.: <https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=mejcu7wo4hld>

AHCA Disaster Planning Webinar

The American Health Care Association (AHCA) has announced the following free webinar:

Date & Time: November 7, 2012, 1:00 p.m.–2:00 pm

Webinar title: Disaster Planning

Speakers: Stan Szpytek, President, Fire and Life Safety, Inc.; Jeff Chester, Vice President, ACT

Registration Link: <http://webinars.ahcancal.org/session.php?id=9565>

Session Description the webinar topics will include:

- Human Reaction to Crisis/Disaster
- Development of a "Culture of Preparedness"
- Utilization of an "All Hazards" Approach to Disaster Planning, Response and Recovery
- Benefits of Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA)
- Integration of an Emergency Management Model-Nursing Home Incident Command System
- Critical Importance of Pre-Planning for Disaster Recovery/Restoration
- After the storm, building the recovery team
- Restoration; the good, bad, and ugly
- Understanding your insurance coverage

Learning Objectives:

1. Learning the need for a culture of preparedness
2. Learning the importance of Hazard Vulnerability Assessment (HVA)
3. Critical Importance of Pre-Planning for Disaster Recovery / Restoration

November 1: Deadline for Intent to Apply for AHCA National Quality Award

The 2013 AHCA/NCAL National Quality Award program is in full swing. AHCA/NCAL encourages all member facilities to get involved in the program. **Why get involved?** The program criteria is a powerful resource for quality improvement activities. Silver and Gold Quality Award recipients are more likely to have fewer survey deficiencies, better quality measures (such as lower use of off-label antipsychotics) and higher satisfaction scores than the national average. The Quality Award program can also help facilities meet the four AHCA/NCAL Quality Initiative goals! Lastly, Quality Award recipients receive national recognition that can assist in marketing efforts.

Facilities planning to apply for the 2013 program should submit an Intent to Apply by November 1, 2012! This is not mandatory, but there are a number of benefits associated.

- The overall application fee is reduced by \$200 at each award level; and
- Applicants who submit the Intent to Apply will receive regular communications from Quality Award staff with deadline reminders and tips on applying for the award.

To submit an Intent to Apply, facilities can simply visit

http://www.ahcancal.org/quality_improvement/quality_award/Pages/ApplicantResources.aspx
or email program staff at qualityaward@ahca.org for instructions.

The Bronze Criteria Series is a sequential series of videos, or seminars, that address each of the twenty Bronze Criteria. This series was developed to help applicants understand and meet the demands of the Bronze criteria. To check out this series; please download the Bronze Viewing Guide at

http://www.ahcancal.org/quality_improvement/quality_award/Documents/Bronze%20Quality%20Award%20Series%20Viewing%20Guide.pdf .

2013 Program Deadlines:

- Intent to Apply Deadline (not mandatory): November 1, 2012 at 8 p.m. EST
- Bronze Application and Fee Deadline: January 31, 2013 at 8 p.m. EST
- Silver Application and Fee Deadline: February 28, 2013 at 8 p.m. EST

For additional information, please visit

http://www.ahcancal.org/quality_improvement/quality_award/Pages/ApplicantResources.aspx or email program staff at qualityaward@ahca.org.

SAVE THE DATE: EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS

“Affordable Care Act: Financial and Legal Implications” Educational Seminar: November 28

Please mark your calendars for November 28, 2012, as ANHA will present a seminar entitled “Affordable Care Act – Financial and Legal Implications.” This seminar will be held at The Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham. *More information regarding this seminar will be forthcoming.*

“Legal Compliance in Nursing Homes” Educational Seminar: January 9

Please mark your calendars for January 9, 2013, as ANHA will present a seminar entitled “Legal Compliance in Nursing Homes.” This seminar will be held at The Wynfrey Hotel in Birmingham. *More information regarding this seminar will be forthcoming.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
November 9	ANHA Region VII Meeting RSVP: Gail McInnish (251) 937-3501, gail.mcinnish@infirmaryhealth.org Speaker Topic: “Making Risk Management Work in Nursing Homes Today”	Felix’s Fish Camp Mobile	12:00 p.m.
November 9	ANHA Region I Act/SS Meeting RSVP: Wendell Greenleaf (256) 383-4541, ext. 216 Speaker Topic: “Enhanced Services Offered at End of Life”	Ryan’s Steakhouse Decatur	12:00 p.m.
November 28	Seminar: Affordable Care Act	The Wnyfrey Hotel Birmingham	

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WEB SITES:

Alabama Nursing Home Association <http://www.anha.org>
AL Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators <http://www.alboenha.state.al.us>
AL Dept. of Public Health <http://www.adph.org>
CMS <http://cms.gov>