

FYI – Update – January 2008



Happy New Year

All of us at CHC wish each of you good tidings for 2008.

We have enjoyed working with you during the past year and look forward to continued collaboration during the upcoming year.

New CHC Associate – CHC is pleased to announce that Wilda Ferguson, LNHA has joined our team. Wilda's role will be evolving but she will serve to support many of the activities and services provided by CHC.

MDS Update – January 2008 -- CMS has updated the RAI Manual with changes to instructions for coding in Sections I/2; I/3; K/2/a, K/3; L/1/e; M; M/4; M/4/g; M/5 plus updates to Appendix B [State RAI Manager Contact information]. Watch for your notice; if you need a copy, contact me.

MDS Training – 3-day Credentialing Course in Virginia April 2008 sponsored by AANAC

Judy Wilhide Brandt, RN, BA, RAC-CT will be conducting a 3-day Credentialing Workshop for AANAC in Virginia, April 16-18, 2008, at the Surfside Oceanfront Inn in Virginia Beach. There are a limited number of Conference rates for the rooms which are \$84/night. You register for the workshop on the AANAC website with a credit/debit card. It will cost \$450 for AANAC members and \$650.00 for non-AANAC members. Attendees will attend the three-day workshop, and then take the credentialing exams on-line afterwards.

DONs Share Experiences in Team Building -- In a recent article in *Caring for the Ages*, Diane Dixon wrote an article "*DONs Build Teams Even in Challenging Times*" in which she interviewed Donna Duss and several DONs. This is a great article with many good suggestions. A copy of article may be found at: <http://www.caringfortheages.com/article/PIIS152641140760290X/fulltext>

Bed Safety – Vail Beds have New FDA Warning -- Vail enclosed bed systems are canopy-like padded beds covered with nylon netting that is zipped into place. They are used for at risk patients, both adults and children, with cognitive impairment, unpredictable behavior, spasms, seizures, and other disorders. The beds are used as an alternative to a physical or drug restraint to reduce falls from a bed and prevent patients from wandering. A copy of the warning may be found at <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/safety/120407-vail.html>

FYI Distribution – we are pleased to offer this as a "free" service to our clients and colleagues. Please feel free to distribute to your team as you deem appropriate. We struggle to manage the distribution list and ask that you assist us by only requesting that we send copy by e-mail to two or three people within your organization; addresses and job titles are constantly changing and it takes manpower for us to keep our list current. If you have changes that you want us to make to our mailing list, please let Mary know.

Accident Prevention & Resource Manual – There are still a few available; call or e-mail if you have interest. Cost is \$135 without disc and \$145 with disc plus shipping.

Congratulations – Nancy Newman JD – We are so proud and pleased to announce that Nancy Newman has received notice of meeting requirements for her JD. Thanks to all of you that have supported Nancy's efforts towards attaining the law degree. Nancy will participate in graduation activities in California in February. In the meantime, I know that she appreciates your continued support as she studies for the bar exam. And, yes, she plans to continue working with CHC.

