

FYI – Update -- September



New Alliance with Tammy Kelly

CHC has established a new alliance with Tammy Kelly and we are excited to have her join the CHC team. Tammy Kelly PT, LNHA has 20 years of experience in health care in Virginia. A graduate of MCV School of Physical Therapy in 1986, Tammy worked in acute care for a year followed by 11 years in a rehab private practice providing direct care and Rehab management in a variety of care settings. She joined Friendship Health & Rehab in 1998 as Director, then Vice President, of Rehab and progressed to Vice President of Performance Initiatives after securing her license as a Nursing Home Administrator in 2003. Tammy has experience in Quality Improvement, JCAHO accreditation, Rehab management, MDS & RUGS management, Health Information Management, and Regulatory Compliance, among other areas. She continues PRN employment for Friendship Health & Rehab as a consultant and serves as Vice Chair of the VHCA Regulatory Committee.

MDS Focus

Question: If a resident only performs an ADL task once over the past 7 days or since admission (for a 5 day) do I put a line through the self performance area on Section G? The MDS states "three or more times"?

Answer: The RAI Manual, Chapter 3, page 80, include instruction for coding in column A of G/1: "Independent - No help or staff oversight -OR- Staff help/oversight provided only one or two times during the last seven days." Chapter 3, page 90 further provides direction "a. Can include one or two events where received supervision, non weight-bearing assistance, or weight-bearing assistance." If the event did not occur 3 times during the look back period the resident is to be coded "0".

QA Audit Revision

For those of you who are using our QA audit tools and the "Change of Condition" audit, we have modified that tool to facilitate monitoring of follow up for psychosocial harm. You will also note that the format of the audit tool has changed to allow you to capture data for up to 4 residents per page. If you would like a copy of the revised audit tool, please forward me an e-mail and I will send to you in Word document form. If you are currently using our tool there will be no charge for this update; if you are not using our tool and would like a copy there is a charge of \$50.

We are currently in the process of revising the entire QA Manual and will keep you informed when the revisions are complete.

Influenza/Pneumonia Vaccinations

It is almost that time of year again. Please review your policies to ensure that they address all required components. Remember to document why a resident refused vaccination and to keep a list of all refusals. Great resource tools may be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/flugallery/index.htm>

