



Wisconsin Assisted Living Association

News Blast

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WALA Spring
Conference!

March 22-24, 2011

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→ Residential Rate Setting Meeting Update

DHS hosted a meeting on October 21 with the latest information on the proposed Family Care statewide rate setting methodology. Any provider who plans to contract with the CMO needs to read the proposed plan. There are a number of items in the latest proposal that you must be aware of.

- The Long Term Care Functional screen, which many of you have told us does not accurately capture the needs of many of your residents, continues to move forward as the tool to be used to analyze resident needs to establish your rates from the CMO. WALA - and every other stakeholder we have heard from who has testified - has repeatedly given testimony and evidence that the LTC Functional screen does not reflect the actual acuity and needs of many residents. Nonetheless, DHS is moving forward with the screen, asserting that their analysis shows the screen does indeed reflect the needs adequately. Read for yourself and you decide.
- Implementation has been delayed until after the first quarter of 2011 in order to provide information until then to all stakeholders and to give DHS time to finish analysis of the methodology.
- Documents available are:
 1. [Rate Setting PowerPoint](#) (PowerPoint, 163 KB)
 2. [Sample Rate Calculation](#) (Excel, 246 KB)
 3. [Residential Care Impact Analysis by MCO and Facility Type](#) (Excel, 39 KB)
 4. [Scope of Services](#) (PDF, 232 KB)

The entire set of documents from the October 21 meeting is at: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ltcare/ProgramOps/ResidentialRate/>

→ WALA Compensation Survey is Available!

Have you wondered what others in your area compensate their staff? Take this survey to be able to compare your facilities compensation to others like yours in the State!

The second annual WALA Compensation Survey for Wisconsin's Assisted Living Facilities is now available! **Participants will receive the published report of the findings and be entered in a drawing for a \$300.00 voucher for WALA products and events!**

You can take the survey 3 ways:

- Use Survey Monkey directly online,
- Download the PDF and send information to Wipfli LLP,
- Download an Excel Spreadsheet and send information to Wipfli LLP

Take the survey today at www.ewala.org

News from BAL

More information is available at http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/rl_DSL/Publications/BQAnodMems.htm

[10-029 - US Department of Labor - Employment of Youth in Health Care Industry](#)

The purpose of this memo is to share a recent U.S. Department of Labor interpretation of The Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) which impacts youth under the age of 18 working in the health care industry. The Division of Quality Assurance (DQA) does not have regulatory authority to enforce these child labor standards but wants to ensure that health care settings regulated by DQA are aware of them.

[DQA Quarterly Information Update](#)

NEW THIS ISSUE

- [Employment of Youth in the Health Care Industry](#)
- [MDS Updates](#)
- [OASIS Basics' Training Scheduled](#)
- [CBRF Department-Approved Training: First Quarter Reports and Survey Results](#)
- [OASIS Updates](#)
- [Foreign Language Services](#)
- [E-mail Encryption: What You Need to Know & Do](#)
- [DQA to Create Provider Portal and to Post Statements of Deficiency for Nursing Homes](#)

REGULAR FEATURES

- [Changes in DQA Staff](#)
- [DQA Numbered Memos](#)
- [DHS Administrative Rules Update](#)
- [CMS Survey & Certification Letters](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [FOCUS 2010 Conference](#)

National Survey of Residential Care Facilities - Please participate!

The 2010 National Survey of Residential Care Facilities, conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics, has only a few more weeks before data collection must end. Of the few hundred facilities in Wisconsin randomly selected to take part in the study, we would like to thank the many of you who have already participated. The information you provided will be invaluable in planning for assisted living and residential care services in the future. For those of you who may have already

received a package of information and/or phone calls indicating that your community has been selected for the study but has not already responded, we urge you to please do so now. Interviewing will continue until November 19, 2010. Your participation in this study is voluntary but is needed to make this study a success. You represent not just your own facility, but also others the same size as yours. If your facility does not participate, its unique qualities will be lost.

By law, all data collected and released will be kept in strict confidence and used only for statistical purposes and no individual provider, staff or resident can be identified. **If contacted, we strongly encourage your participation in this national survey.** Results from this study are expected to be released early in 2012. To learn more about NSRCF, visit the website: www.cdc.gov/nchs/nsrcf.htm

News from ALFA

ALFA Offers \$10,000 Prize for Short Film Competition on Ageism

By submitting an original short film about ageism to ALFA's short film competition, you could win \$10,000 and a free trip to Orlando.

With the long-term goal of eliminating ageism, the film competition aims to showcase the harmful effects of ageism, raise awareness about how ageism is expressed, and demonstrate how others can change their attitudes toward older adults....read more at <http://www.agingservicesmn.org>.

[Free Alzheimer's screening](#)

Mark your calendars for November 16, or National Memory Screening Day, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America's annual effort to promote early detection of memory problems. The Foundation will send your community materials, including screening tests, and other education materials, for free after you register. For more information go to www.alfa.org

Community Training Opportunities

Free Training!

From the South Madison Coalition of the Elderly

Wednesday, October 27

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Late-life Depression and Anxiety

Presenter: Dr. Suzanna Waters-Castillo

Faculty Associate, Dept. of Professional Studies, UW-Madison

Location: Dane County Human Services

Thursday, November 11

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Resident Rights and Advanced Directives

Presenter: Dennis Granzen

Long-term Care Ombudsman

Board on Aging and Long-term Care

Location: Avalon Assisted Living Community

Regional Long-Term Care Forum coming to Eau Claire

The third regional long-term care forum is being held in Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Wednesday, October 27, 2010

at Sacred Heart Hospital Rotunda.

Please consider attending and/or sending a representative or staff to this forum.

Many of the candidates in the area have been invited to attend and participate.

For more information go to www.brokenpromiseswisconsin.org