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UPCOMING EVENTS

Save the Date

Dakota Conference

June 5-7, 2013

Seven Seas Hotel
Mandan, North Dakota

HIMSS Spring Health IT Conference

June 20, 2013

8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Hilton Garden Inn
Fargo, North Dakota

Updated Critical Access Hospital (CAH) Financial Tools

Updated versions of the CAH Finance 101 Manual and the CAH 2012 Financial Leadership Summit Summary are available for CAH administrators and their boards.

Critical Access Hospital Finance 101 Manual

This manual was developed for use by state Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Program personnel as well as staff and boards of CAHs. The content is designed to be as non-technical as possible and to provide answers to frequently asked questions regarding CAH finance and financial performance.

A few examples of questions included in the manual:

- What is the Medicare swing bed program?
- What is CAH cost-based reimbursement?
- If CAHs are reimbursed at 101%, why might they not make a profit?
- If a CAH has a rural health clinic attached, how do they bill for those services and file their expenses?
- Why is a review of the cost report important?

Critical Access Hospital 2012 Financial Leadership Summit Summary

On June 7 and 8, 2012, the National Rural Health Resource Center, with funding from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Office of Rural Health Policy (ORHP), brought a small group of CAH financial leaders and experts together in Minneapolis, Minnesota to address issues related to CAH financial performance.

A summary document was developed which includes:

- Consensus from the attendees identifying the most important CAH financial performance indicators
- Information about the CAH financial distress model used by the Flex Monitoring Team (FMT)
- Interventions for CAHs that were identified as a means of optimizing financial performance
- A look ahead as the focus of the health care systems continue to evolve

Congratulations West River Health Services

Congratulations West River Health Services in your success in meeting reporting and quality standards for the Heart Failure (HF) CMS Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting Program. You are a shining star for North Dakota!

In January 2013, the National Rural Health Resource Center (The Center) began public recognition of Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) in the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility (Flex) Program for demonstrating excellence and innovation in the area of quality. West River Health Services was nominated by the North Dakota Flex Program and has received honorable mention, by the Technical Assistance and Services Center (TASC), a program of the National Rural Health Resource Center, for demonstrating excellence and innovation in the area of quality.

West River Health Services has demonstrated excellence. They have sustained quality process of care for heart failure at 100% for four quarters! (bundle of care)

- HF-1: Discharge Instructions
- HF-2: Evaluation of LVS Function
- HF-3: ACEI or ARB for LVSD



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**Training & Workshops**

Regional Extension Assistance Center for Health Information Technology (REACH)

Meaningful Use Boot Camp Update**Understanding the Changes in the EHR Incentive Program**

The timeline for Stage 2 Meaningful Use has been set. Understand Stage 2, the changes to Stage 1, and the implications for your clinic or hospital by participating in a half-day Meaningful Use Boot Camp.

Clinic/Hospital Boot Camp in Williston, ND

Thursday, April 11, 2013
10:00 am – 2:30 pm CST

Clinic/Hospital Boot Camp in Minot, ND

Friday, April 12, 2013
8:00 am – 12:30 pm CST

Objectives:

- Understand the new EHR incentive program requirements
- Know what to do to prepare your facility to meet the new requirements
- Understand what impact this will have on your EHR technology, your staff and your workflow

Information is presented through a combination of lecture, small group work, and problem solving. Those who have taken this course before value the exercises because they help them begin to think about how to optimize workflows in their facility in order to achieve meaningful use and share ideas with others in the same care setting.

Presenter

Paul Kleeberg, MD, FAAFP, FHIMSS, REACH clinical director, has extensive experience in working with providers to effectively implement and optimize EHR systems.

Cost

\$20 per participant for clinics and hospitals with signed agreements with REACH (enter code in registration form) and \$185 per participant for non-REACH facilities.

**Price includes continental breakfast or lunch (depending on the time of the Boot Camp)

**There will be a \$10 service charge for registration cancellations.

Please register early to ensure REACH has a minimum number to hold the event:

www.khareach.org/education

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gpTRAC Regional Telehealth Forum

Join your friends from gpTRAC and other telehealth experts from around the region and nation for the 2013 Regional Telehealth Forum being held this April 15-16 at the Embassy Suites – Minneapolis North in Brooklyn Center, MN.

Forum Registration: Go to the forum registration page at www.gptrac.org

Please contact gptrac@umn.edu or call 888-239-7092 with questions.

REACH and Center for Healthcare Innovation

Privacy and Security Bootcamp: HITECH, Meaningful Use, and Beyond

Privacy and security rules and regulations are cumbersome, risk analysis is challenging, and breaches can be costly!!

Learn from experts the most important steps in assuring a safe and secure electronic environment for maintaining patient information. For a minimal fee, gain access to valuable privacy and security tools and resources for conducting risk assessments and handling breach investigations and notifications available through the Healthsmart E-Box.

Speakers will include:

Danika Brinda, MA, RHIA, CHPS

*Speakers subject to changes or additions

April 17, 2013 9:00am – 4:00pm CST

Radisson Hotel, Bismarck, ND

Register Now

estore.centerforhealthcareinnovation.com/ProductDetails.aspx?ProductID=197

For More Information

Contact Joseph Janchar, 218.625.4974

The Workshop will cover:

- HIPAA Privacy and Security Regulations: An Overview and Update
- HITECH Privacy and Security Provisions
- Breach Investigations and Management
- Meaningful Use's Privacy and Security Risk Assessment
- Future Privacy and Security Hot Topics: What is next?
- Scenario-Based Application

North Dakota Simulation, EMS, and TeamSTEPPS Training

May 1, 2013

Training Location: North Dakota Simulation, Teaching, and Research (ND STAR) Center for Healthcare Education at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

For more information,

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Learn more about the Flex Program