

**NF Facility News Hour
January 22, 2014**

Provider input was sought on topics to be covered in future

Next News Hours: April 23; July 23 and October 22 from 10 to 11

Flu Precautions – Deb Cateora

- H1N1 – appeared in late December, peaked week of January 13
- Vaccine contains 2 different strains that's helping in prevention
- This year's is behaving more severe, target population 20-49 working age
- H1N1 widespread throughout state (408 hospitalized in the tri-county area)
- Working age target population - hit business and health care industry hard
- Period of time when one doesn't know they're a carrier (1-3 days before symptoms appear)
- Still contagious 7 days after symptoms resolve
- Vaccinated person can still have symptoms
- Spread via coughing, sneezing, touching
- Norovirus shows up around flu season
- Biggest challenge with vaccine: people think it will give them the flu
- Prevention works, younger working hardest to convince
- Prevention:
 - Seasonal vaccine
 - Religious handwashing, always wash after touching face
 - Cough properly
 - Frequent cleaning of doorknobs, lights
 - Don't touch head, mouth, eyes
 - Don't shake hands
 - Review sick policy, sick employees home promptly
 - Have annual planning process (August good time)
 - Reduce large group activities
 - Review toolkit: www.cdc.gov/flu/business
- Norovirus immunity only good for 1 year
- Copy of presentation to be forwarded and shared via Admin Alert, go to SPD.HSU@state.or.us for posters

RAI – Mary Borts

- Reminder she is available for clinical consultation re: RAI clinical coding 503-351-6938
- Gradually transitioning to RAI Coordinator
- Planning provider training on RAI

NA Staffing Program – Joanne Birney

- CNA update rescheduled

Administrator Packets – Marcia Thompson

- Reintroduced Administrator packet sent in October, 2013
- Goes to all new Administrators
- Contact Marcia for copy

Closure Rule – Renee Shearer

- Temp Rules effective October, 2013
- To align with federal rules
- 4 Alerts on changes
- RAC just completed for final for permanent rules effective April, 2013
- Call Renee @ 503-373-2164 with questions

Website Update – Ann Birch

- Working on revise internet presence to be more user friendly for providers
- Let Ann know info you'd like to see

Update on Survey Staffing – Celeste Symonette

- 6 survey positions open, actively recruiting/training (6 months training)
- To access info on positions, google: Oregon.gov and search for Client Care Surveyor positions

Keith Ramey

- Thanks to facilities hosting training
- Training time reduced from 9 to 6 months

APD Rule Update – Cindy Susee – Reimbursement Policy Analyst

- Quality and Efficiently Incentive Program (HB2216)
- Temp Rules 411-070 effective October 7th
- Rules now permanent
- Rule 437 Quality & Efficiency Program
 - 1500 bed reduction by December 2015
 - 55 beds offline
 - No official meetings, anticipate one in future
 - Annual rebasing, setting new rate for July 1, 2014
- P Tax – no longer any exemptions except Vets Home
- P Tax reduced from \$20.79 to \$20.46
- Cindy's Ph: 503-945-6448