

NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar:

WHA PAC Golf Tournament	9/6
WHA/LAW Annual Meeting & Convention Cheyenne	9/7- 9/8

Other Events:

Quality Conference Casper	8/3-8/4
Joint Labor Health and Social Services Committee	8/25- 8/26
EMS Conference Cheyenne	8/16- 8/18

Noridian Provider Outreach

Noridian's Provider Outreach and Education Department is providing the latest news and updates.

Currently, the top trending items are:

- **In-Person Seminars:** Noridian Education and Outreach staff invite you to our In-Person seminars on multiple subjects. Please check the schedule of events link below for available dates: <https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jfa/education>
- **Noridian Medicare Portal (NMP):** The Noridian Medicare Portal is a secure Internet websites that offers authorized providers' access to patient eligibility, claim status, appeals submission and status, and single beneficiary remittance advices.
- **Revalidations** are due on the last day of the month (i.e.: June 30, 2016, July 31, 2016, and August 30, 2016). You are expected to submit your revalidation application by this date. Generally, this due date will remain with you throughout subsequent revalidation cycles. Due Dates are posted on Data.CMS.gov/revalidation - lists all currently enrolled providers/suppliers and their revalidation due date.

Moving forward, the Medical Directors would like to ask for your feedback. What information could our Medical Directors provide you with in future emails, that you would provide to members?

Noridian's Provider Outreach and Education (POE) team collaborates with external entities (associations, societies, specialty organizations) to help distribute Medicare provider information.



CMS encourages Noridian to partner with external entities to participate in events as well as to have the external entities distribute information from Noridian to their members as defined in the CMS Internet-Only Manual (IOM) Publication 100-09, Chapter 6, Section 20.2.

Partnering entities may be medical, professional or trade groups and associations, government organizations, educational institutions, trade and professional publications, specialty societies, and other interested or affected groups.

Noridian can partner in external entity events using the following criteria.

- **Teleconference**
- **Face-to-Face**
- **Webinar**

To request Noridian's participation, the completed Provider Outreach & Education Collaboration Form needs to be submitted. Noridian does need to obtain CMS approval for participation in Face-to-Face events.

When travel is required, travel expenses which may include per-diem, hotel, airfare and/or mileage may be the responsibility of the Provider Societies/Associations as defined by CMS. Noridian will provide an estimate of our expenses upon request.

Please e-mail the completed Provider Outreach & Education Collaboration Form to mac@noridian.com with the subject line of "Collaboration Request".

The form may also be faxed to (701) 277-2117 to the attention of "Education." Your request will be acknowledged within 2 business days.



Don't forget to send us a story about your hospital so we can feature you in our Member Spotlight section!

Woman Gives \$1.6 M for Care she Received 32 Years Ago

Frances Rose Rappy survived a near-fatal car crash north of Rock Springs on Aug. 5, 1983. The 42-year-old then spent eight months in Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County, including four months on a respirator. She was then paralyzed with Guillain-Barre Syndrome, a rare disorder in which the body's immune system attacks the nerves.

Rappy eventually returned to her home state of New York, but she never

forgot the care she received at Memorial Hospital, leaving in trust \$1.6 million to the hospital to "go to whatever new miracle machine is wanted," she wrote in a draft letter that was released to the hospital after her death.

At a hospital board meeting, hospital attorney George Lemich said \$579,929.55 of the trust was left to be distributed.

"She must have been a wonderful lady," CEO Jerry Klein said of Rappy's gener-

osity. "It's a wonderful, wonderful gift that can help so many people for decades to come."

Klein said the hospital has bought "a lot of miracle machines" with the money distributed from the trust. For example, some of the funding supported the opening of the Waldner Healing House.

"It's a very touching story," Lemich said. "It was very kind of her."

DOJ Sues to Block Health Insurance Mergers

Saying the proposed deal would "lead to higher health insurance prices, reduced benefits, less innovation, and worse service" for consumers, the Department of Justice (DOJ) today filed a lawsuit in federal court to block Aetna's acquisition of Humana.

DOJ also took action to block Anthem's acquisition of Cigna, saying it would "substantially lessen competition, harming millions of American consumers, as

well as doctors and hospitals."

Eight states and the District of Columbia joined DOJ in its action to block the Aetna-Humana deal, while 11 states and the District of Columbia joined the action to block the Anthem-Cigna deal.

The deals, if allowed to proceed, would create three major national insurers where there are now five.

AHA has vigorously urged DOJ to challenge both

deals on the grounds that they would reduce competition and harm consumers and hospitals.

In the complaints and public comments made today, DOJ repeatedly emphasized that the deals would harm innovation and quality in the health care arena, arguments AHA made repeatedly in its analyses and meetings with enforcement officials.

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The 2016 Wyoming Hospital Association and LeadingAge Wyoming Annual Meeting & Convention will be held September 7-8 in Cheyenne at the Little America Hotel and Resort.

The 10th Annual PAC Golf Tournament will be held Tuesday, September 6 in Cheyenne.

Little America will only hold our room block until

be the difference

August 3rd. Please call Little America today to reserve your room. Their phone number is **307-775-8400 or 1-800-445-6945.**

Mention you are with WHA for the discounted rates of \$89-\$109.

Registration materials are available online at www.wyohospitals.com

