



NEWS BRIEFS

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WHA Calendar:

WHA Board of
Directors
Meeting
Cody, WY

5/18

WHA CEO/
Trustee
Educational
Program
Cody, WY

5/19

Other Events:

Infection
Prevention
Conference
Casper

4/19-
4/20

LeadingAge
Wyoming
Spring Meeting
Cody, WY

5/17-
5/18

Medicare Revalidation Information

CMS has sent notices that each provider/supplier is required to revalidate their entire Medicare enrollment record to include all active practice locations and/or current reassignments.

This information relates to Cycle 2 revalidations

It is important to make sure all providers are aware of the need to revalidate their enrollment information and also the changes that have happened with Cycle 2. Although there are some similarities that relate back to Cycle 1, there are also some major changes.

Things that will not change:

Noridian Healthcare Solutions (NHS) will continue to send a revalidation notice within 2-3 months prior to the revalidation due date either by email (to email addresses reported on your prior applications) or regular mail (two of your reported addresses: correspondence, special payments and/or your primary practice address) identifying your due date.

Providers/suppliers are still encouraged to submit their revalidation via Internet-based PECOS, as it is the most efficient and cost effective way to revalidate.

The most efficient way to submit your revalidation information is by using the Internet

-based PECOS location at <https://pecos.cms.hhs.gov/pecos/login.do> on the CMS website.

PECOS allows you to review information currently on file, update and submit your revalidation via the Internet. You MUST either electronically sign the revalidation application or print, sign, date, and mail the paper certification statement to your MAC.

In addition, please either upload any supporting documentation into PECOS or mail it along with your paper certification statement.

What has changed:

CMS has established due dates by which you must revalidate. The due dates are on the last day of the month. Providers are expected to submit the revalidation application by this date.

Posted due dates are on data.cms.gov, beginning March 1, 2016. The following link will take you to that page <https://data.cms.gov/revalidation>. If a due date is listed, you will need to submit a complete revalidation application by that time. If it is not listed, please continue to check back for a due date.

Unsolicited revalidation submissions will be returned to the provider if it is 6 months prior to the due

date. In other words, if there is no due date, please do not submit a revalidation application to NHS as it will be returned to you. If updates are needed to your enrollment, submit a completed Change of Information application.

Contractors such as NHS will not be following up with any missed revalidation applications with phone calls. It is the responsibility of the provider to meet their deadline with all the information contained in the enrollment record, by the due date listed.

Impact for those who miss the Revalidation due date:

Deactivation will occur and providers will be required to send us a new application.

The reactivation date after a period of deactivation will be based on the receipt date of the new full and complete application. Retroactive billing privileges back to the period of deactivation will not be granted.

Information may change or be updated on occasion. The best way to stay informed is to refer to our webpage under the revalidation section. A copy of that link is provided here for you <https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jfa/enrollment/revalidation>



Joint Commission Awards ERH Accreditation

Evanston Regional Hospital (ERH) has once again earned the Joint Commission's Gold Seal of Approval for Hospital Accreditation by demonstrating continuous compliance with its performance standards.

The Gold Seal of Approval is a symbol of quality that reflects an organization's commitment to providing safe and effective patient care.

Furthermore, the Joint Commission selected ERH as a Top Performer on Key Quality Measures related to Surgical Care, Pneumonia and Immunization. Evanston Regional Hospital was one of 281 rural hospitals nationwide recognized for their excellent performance on evidence-based process of care measures.

"Evanston Regional Hospital is pleased to receive

accreditation from the Joint Commission, the premier health care quality improvement and accrediting body in the nation," Evanston Regional Hospital CEO Jeremy Davis said. "Our staff continue to work together to develop and implement approaches that have the potential to improve care for the patients in our community."

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



Cheyenne VA New Residential Rehabilitation Center

The Cheyenne Veterans Affairs Medical Center has completed a new facility housing its new Residential Rehabilitation Treatment Program

Paul Roberts, the VA's interim medical center director, said the center will serve as a transition home for veterans struggling with PTSD and substance abuse.

The center has space for 10 patients and already has identified three of its first patients.

The center staff's mission is to help ease the veterans through the transition from inpatient to outpatient care.

The program's staff will help the veterans learn to better cope with their struggles while also helping them learn how to be self-sufficient.

Roberts said, "For 30 to 45 days, we can take a veteran who is struggling a little bit more with PTSD and substance abuse and get him or her some focused treat-

ment and facilitate them re-entering their family life."

The center has a fully stocked kitchen and a laundry facility, as well as a day room and a small recreation room.

All around the facility, the colors are mild, calming and earthy, with large windows and doors on every wall. This is meant to keep the veterans from feeling trapped.

Wyoming Safety and Workforce Summit set for June

The Wyoming Department of Workforce Services (DWS) and its partners will hold the annual Wyoming Safety and Workforce Summit on June 22-23, 2016, at the Little America Hotel in Cheyenne.

The Wyoming Safety and Workforce Summit is a joint effort between DWS, the Wyoming Workforce Development Council and the Wyoming Oil & Gas

Industry Safety Alliance (WOGISA).

The Summit is a collaboration that streamlines several safety conferences that were held in Wyoming and the annual Summit on Workforce Solutions into one event.

During the Summit, awards will be presented to Wyoming employers demonstrating a strong safety culture and excellence in safety and health programs.

Additionally, the Wyoming Workforce Development Council, in partnership with DWS, will honor Wyoming employers who have made exceptional contributions to Wyoming's workforce.

For more information regarding sponsorship opportunities, registration information and exhibiting opportunities, please visit: <http://wyowdc.wyo.gov/summit/summit-2016>.

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