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QIS countdown—only 11 days until “Basic QIS” – Only 11 days remain to get your facility ready for the Quality Indicator Survey (QIS) by registering for the upcoming **“Basic QIS”** class. Some surveyors in Ohio are currently using this new format and additional surveyors are being trained. If your facility hasn’t already experienced a QIS, it could soon. Attend “Basic QIS” to learn from a former state surveyor the information you need to be successful in this new environment. “Basic QIS” will be held in Columbus, Cleveland and Cincinnati during the month of March. The class will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will include lunch. American Medical Equipment is generously sponsoring these classes and is offering attendees the option of attending “Negative Pressure Wound Therapy” for an additional hour of CEU from 4 to 5 p.m. “Basic QIS” has been approved for seven (7) hours of CEU from BENHA and “Negative Pressure Wound Therapy” has been approved for one (1) hour of CEU. Attendance at “Negative Pressure Wound Therapy” is optional, but only those attendees who stay will be given the additional one hour of CEU. Academy members may attend these programs for \$149 and non-members may attend for \$199. A member facility may send three employees for the discounted price of \$359, a savings of \$88!

- **Cleveland – Tuesday, March 24**
Holiday Inn Independence
6001 Rockside Road
Independence, Ohio 44131
- **Columbus – Wednesday, March 25**
Confluence Park Restaurant
679 W. Spring Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
- **Cincinnati – Tuesday, March 31**
Great Wolf Lodge
501 Great Wolf Dr
Mason, OH 45040

Watch your mailbox and fax for more information or you can register online at

<http://www.oanh.org/educationalofferings.shtml>. For questions, contact [Dawn Kennedy](#). [\(Back to top\)](#).

Fore! Golf outing brochure headed your way – The registration brochure for the sixth Annual OANH PAC Golf Outing is headed your way! This member favorite is a great way to hone your golf game and network, all while supporting the Ohio Academy of Nursing Homes Political Action Committee (OANH PAC). This year the outing will take place on Monday, May 18. Academy members

will enjoy the private greens at The Medallion Club in Westerville. Registration and lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. After a challenging game of golf, attendees will stay at the course for food, drinks and prizes at "19th Hole." Prices are \$250 per golfer or \$950 per foursome. For more information contact [Dawn Kennedy](#). ([Back to top](#)).

Protect your facility from hospital blame – Do you want to learn how to protect your facility from a hospital blaming it for a patient condition that you believe occurred at the hospital? Learn how to avoid this situation by attending "**Managing Risk in the LTC Environment in Light of Medicare Hospital Regulatory Changes.**" New regulations change the way Medicare reimburses hospitals for conditions which they label as "hospital acquired conditions due to complications associated with poor nursing care that should never happen in an acute care setting." If one of these conditions occurs the hospital will not receive reimbursement for any treatment rendered without significant physician documentation determining the condition occurred outside of the hospital. How does this affect facilities? Several of the conditions in question such as pressure sores, falls with trauma, and infections related to catheters occur frequently in the LTC environment. This new regulation could lead to blaming between the hospital and LTC facility. "**Managing Risk in the LTC in Light of Medicare Hospital Regulatory Changes**" will teach you how to deal with this new regulation and develop an action plan to turn the negatives of the regulations into positives.

Dates and locations are:

- **Cleveland – Tuesday, April 21**
Holiday Inn Independence
6001 Rockside Road
Independence, Ohio 44131
- **Columbus – Tuesday, April 28**
Confluence Park Restaurant
679 W. Spring Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
- **Cincinnati – Thursday, April 30**
Kings Island Resort
5691 Kings Island Dr.
Mason, Ohio 45040

"Managing Risk in the LTC in Light of Medicare Hospital Regulatory Changes" will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and has been approved for four (4) hours of CEU. Academy members may attend this program for \$89 and non-members may attend for \$129. A member facility may send three employees for the discounted price of \$199, a savings of \$68! Watch your fax for more information or you can register online at <http://www.oanh.org/educationalofferings.shtml>. For questions, contact [Dawn Kennedy](#). ([Back to top](#)).

CHAMPS provides superior product selection and competitive pricing – A full range of regional and national supplier relationships enables CHAMPS Group Purchasing Services to provide Academy members with a product selection unmatched in the industry. Their national partner, Premier, Inc., is the largest healthcare GPO in the country, with more than \$31 billion in volume and over 1,400 contracts. Premier's distribution partnership with U.S. Foodservice means reliable, on-time deliveries at discounted prices. **If your facility has not yet taken a look at the most competitive foodservice program in the industry, now is the time.** By aggregating all of the volume from their members' foodservice purchases, Premier is able to negotiate breakthrough pricing that cannot be achieved by any other means. With more than 160 contracts representing 22,000 products from major manufacturers, CHAMPS/Premier Foodservice Program, an [Academy Premier Partner](#), offers the full range of quality and variety of brands. Contact Bob Stein, Director, at 216/255-3688 or email him at bob.stein@chanet.org for a free apples-to-apples comparison of your food program. Visit <http://www.CHAMPSGPO.com> to learn more. ([Back to top](#)).

The Academy needs YOU to make this year's convention a success – The Academy is seeking great professionals who want to share their LTC knowledge with others, receive recognition from their peers and gain exposure for their company. If this describes you, then consider being a presenter at this year's convention! The Academy is taking applications for presenters at the 2009 Annual Convention & Trade Show, slated for October 21-23, 2009. This application can be completed and submitted via the Academy's website or printed and faxed. Go to <http://www.oanh.org/2007.shtml> to view and submit the application. If you have any questions about the application or being a presenter please contact [Dawn Kennedy](#). ([Back to top](#)).

Update from CMS – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued the following information of interest to long-term care providers:

- **Survey & Certification Memo**

[09-26: Inpatient Prospective Payment System \(IPPS\) 2009 Final Rule Revisions to Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act \(EMTALA\) Regulations \(3/6/09\)](#)

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 IPPS final rule included EMTALA revisions, effective October 1, 2008. Changes are as follows: The regulatory provisions for on-call obligations have been revised and reorganized and include introduction of a shared community call (CCP) plan option and elimination of ambiguous language concerning on-call list criteria; technical corrections were made to track the statutory language; and a hospital with specialized capabilities is not required under EMTALA to accept the transfer of a hospital inpatient who presented to the admitting hospital under EMTALA. View also the [Interpretative Guidelines](#) in the State Operations Manual Appendix V that correspond to these change.

- **MDS 3.0 Implementation**

CMS has officially decided to revise the **MDS 3.0 implementation** date to **October 1, 2010**. Changes to the MDS 3.0 implementation schedule will be released as decisions are made.

- **Five-Star Rating**

For March and the subsequent following months, facilities will be able to see their preview data a week before the website is refreshed. That means the refresh will be the fourth Thursday of every month for the near future. For March, the preview data is tentatively going to be ready by March 18 and the refresh will occur on March 26.

- **Next SNF Open Door Forum**

The next Skilled Nursing Facilities/Long Term Care Open Door Forum is scheduled for Thursday, April 16, 2009. To participate by phone, dial: 1-800-837-1935 Conference ID: 89325891.

- **Sprinkler Systems**

August 13, 2013 is the day that all nursing homes must be completely sprinklered.

- **MedWatch**

The FDA is in the process of reviewing the labeling and composition of all medicated patches due to overheating of some of those patches during MRI scans, which may cause skin burns in the immediate area of the patch. FDA recommends that healthcare professionals referring patients for an MRI identify those patients wearing a patch before the patients have the MRI and advise those patients about the procedures for removing and disposing of the patch before the scan and replacing the patch after the scan. The link to the FDA Public Health Advisory is:

<http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2009/safety09.htm#Transdermal>. ([Back to top](#)).

Ads in the new 2009 Membership Directory can help your business – In this tough economy, advertising becomes even more important, as you look to maintain and possibly grow your business. With the new look and design of the Membership Directory, your ad will garner more immediate attention from decision-makers in the long-term care industry. **The new deadline for ads this year is May 1.** Ads received after this date may not be published. To reserve your ad go to <http://www.oanh.org/bus-dev.pdf>. Burgie MediaFusion will publish the new directory. ([Back to top](#)).

Card-check bill introduced in Congress – Senators and representatives on Tuesday introduced the controversial Employee Free Choice Act, also known as union card-check legislation. Several long-term care groups immediately issued statements against the bill. Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA) and Rep. George Miller (D-CA) each introduced the bill to his respective legislative chamber. The legislation, which would eliminate the requirement of a secret ballot election for a union to form, has been a hot topic in Washington and around the country. Union leaders support the legislation and new Labor Secretary Hilda Solis has backed it in the past. The card-check system would make it easier for workers to organize. Employers would have to recognize a union if a majority of workers sign union cards in the presence of union organizers.

Source: McKnight's Long-Term Care & Assisted Living, 3/11/09, <http://www.mcknights.com>

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Ohio legislative and government directories available – Get involved and be active in the legislative process! The Academy can help you with your grassroots efforts by providing free copies of the 2009 Ohio Legislative and Government Directory. This directory contains a listing of Ohio's elected representatives: United State Senators and Representatives, Ohio Senators and Representatives, Governor, Lieutenant Governor and others, as well as committee information for both the Senate and House and Cabinet Member information. If you or your facility would like copies, please email [Christina O'Neal](#) at the Academy. ([Back to top](#)).

Needed: OPC3 Conference vendors – The Ohio Person Centered Care Coalition (OPC3) is currently looking for vendors who would like to promote person centered care through their products or services at the OPC3 4th Annual Conference. A booth is \$300 and with nearly 700 attendees last year, \$300 for a booth is a steal! For the vendor application, go to http://www.centeredcare.org/conference2009/Vendor_Application_2009.pdf. Sponsorships are also available to maximize business opportunities with attendees. To view the sponsorship application, go to http://www.centeredcare.org/conference2009/Sponsorship_Promo_2009.pdf. The conference, “Our Residents: The Heart of it All,” is scheduled for June 2, 2009 at the Aladdin Shrine Center in Columbus. ([Back to top](#)).

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