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**[New special interest organization supports Kasich budget](#)** – A new organization has entered the budget foray: One Ohio United. They are self-described as “a 501 (c)(4), nonprofit organization that advocates for public policies that foster an environment conducive to retaining and creating jobs in Ohio, educating Ohio’s workforce for a 21st century economy, and help state and local governments function more efficiently and effectively.” They claim that “The voters are looking for their legislators to act and do not want to be distracted by special interests’ arguments over specific cuts. Our project will provide information and public support to insure the legislators have the information and support they need during the budget process.” What is not shocking is that the information found on their website resembles the same information the administration has been touting before committees and the media. In terms of long-term care, One Ohio United mirrors the long-term care policies and rhetoric of the Office of Health Transformation, essentially making them a special interest group for the administration (which has no known ties to the organization). It is apparent that One Ohio United is not an independent think-tank willing to engage in true policy debate, which is crucial in the current budget environment. ([Back to top.](#))

**[Great golf is predicted for the May 16 PAC Golf Outing](#)** – A day of great golf is predicted for Monday! Academy golfers will hit the greens and hopefully enjoy some great weather on **Monday, May 16** for the OANH Political Action Committee (PAC) Golf Outing. There's room for a few more golfers, so if you aren't registered, call the Academy TODAY and "chip in!" Participating in the outing helps the PAC earn funds to give the Academy a strong voice in legislative matters. This year the outing will take place at The Lakes Country Club in Westerville, Ohio. 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 the “19<sup>th</sup> Hole” reception. Prices are \$250 per golfer or \$950 per foursome. To register, contact [Dawn Kennedy](#). The Ohio Academy of Nursing Homes would like to thank the following PAC Golf Outing sponsors:

- **Registration Sponsor** – Geoffrey Webster of Chester Willcox & Saxbe, LLP
- **Luncheon Sponsor** – JTCH Holdings, Inc.
- **“19<sup>th</sup> Hole” Reception Sponsor** – Howard, Wershbae & Co.
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Should you have any questions about the golf outing, please contact the Academy. ([Back to top](#)).

**How can I legally discipline an employee?** – Learn the answer to this question and many more as you join popular HR expert, Pam Krivda, Esq, of Chester Willcox & Saxbe, LLP for Part II of the upcoming **"HR Workshops: What You Don't Know Can Hurt You!"** This session will explain how to legally discipline and discharge employees. Disciplining or discharging an employee is one of the most likely times a facility may be sued, so it is critical you are properly prepared. Part II of this series will give you the tools to properly document the incident and protect your facility. It will also cover performance reviews.

Dates and locations:

**Wilmington:** Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177

- Tuesday, May 17 - Part II
- Tuesday, September 27 - Part III
- Tuesday, November 15 - Part IV

**Cleveland:** Crowne Plaza (formerly Skyline Hotel), 5300 Rockside Rd., Independence, OH 44131

- Thursday, May 19 - Part II
- Thursday, September 29 - Part III
- Thursday, November 17 - Part IV

Each session will be from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and will include lunch. Each session is approved for three (3) hours of CEU from BENHA, with the full series being approved for a total of twelve (12) hours of CEU. Members may attend an individual session for \$79 and non-members may attend for \$99. Information about this course has been emailed and faxed. You can also register [online](#). If you are interested in attending the remaining three parts, or have any other questions, please contact [Dawn Kennedy](#). ([Back to top](#)).

**Improve your case mix with "MDS 3.0 Interviewing"** – Is your facility's case mix where you want it to be? Proper interviewing during the MDS 3.0 is the key to a correct case mix. Refine your skills and your reimbursement at the upcoming **"MDS 3.0 Interviewing."** Correctly conducting MDS 3.0 interviews is challenging and the results directly affect your reimbursement. If you aren't interviewing properly, you aren't getting accurate information. This class will provide tips and role-playing techniques that can be immediately implemented at the facility. Join Wilma Wheeler of Risk Management Solutions to learn who should and shouldn't interview residents and how all interviewers must be properly trained. This new course will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include lunch. The class has been approved for four (4) hours of CEU from BENHA. Academy members may attend this program for \$89 and non-members may attend for \$139. A member facility may send three employees for the discounted price of \$199, a savings of \$68!

Dates and locations:

- **Tuesday, May 24**  
Roberts Centre  
123 Gano Rd.  
Wilmington, OH 45177
- **Wednesday, May 25**  
Crowne Plaza (formerly Skyline Hotel)  
5300 Rockside Rd.  
Independence, OH 44131

Information about this course has been emailed and faxed. You can also register [online](#). For questions, contact [Dawn Kennedy](#). ([Back to top](#)).

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**Update from CMS** – The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released the following information of interest to long-term care providers:

- **Survey & Certification Memos**

- [11-25: Clarification of § 482.61\(b\)\(3\): Requirements for a Screening Neurological Examination and the Estimation of Intellectual Functioning, Memory Functioning and Orientation for Psychiatric Hospitals \(4/29/11\)](#)

Clarification of Complete Neurological Examination: §482.61(a)(5) states that, “when indicated, a complete neurological examination must be recorded at the time of the admission physical examination.” A deficiency may be cited if the surveyor finds that the psychiatric hospital did not record a complete neurological examination, if determined and documented as necessary, by the examining professional at the time of the admission physical.

Clarification of Testing Intellectual Functioning, Memory Functioning and Orientation: §482.61(b)(6) states that, “Each patient must receive a psychiatric evaluation that must - “estimate intellectual functioning, memory functioning, and orientation.” The estimate of intellectual, memory functioning and orientation, should be determined within the context of the psychiatric assessment performed by the examining professional. A deficiency may be cited at §482.61 (b)(3), Contain a Record of Mental Status, if the surveyor finds no documentation in the patient’s record that these areas were addressed by the professional.

- [11-26: Approval of Deeming Authority of the Joint Commission for Psychiatric Hospitals \(5/6/11\)](#)

CMS has approved the Joint Commission as a national accreditation program for psychiatric hospitals seeking to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs. This approval provides psychiatric hospitals with an accreditation option which previously did not exist.

- [11-27: Approval of Deeming Authority of the American Association for Accreditation of Ambulatory Surgery Facilities, Inc. \(AAAASF\) for Providers of Outpatient Physical Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology Services \(5/6/11\)](#)

CMS has approved AAAASF as a national accreditation program for providers of outpatient physical therapy and speech-language pathology services seeking to participate in the Medicare or Medicaid programs. Providers of outpatient physical therapy and speech-language pathology services now have an accreditation option where previously none existed. The memo and two attachments are attached.

- **GAO/OIG Studies**

Organization conducting the study: GAO

Title of Study: Private Investment Ownership and Quality of Care in Nursing Homes

Study number: Job Code 290827

Type of conference: Exit

Date of conference: May 10, 2011

Objectives/Key Questions of Study: (1) How do the characteristics of nursing homes owned by private investment firms differ from those of nursing homes with other types of ownership? (2) How does private investment group ownership of nursing homes affect the quality of care? (3) How does the capitalization of nursing homes owned by private investment firms affect the homes’ operations?

- **From the MLN**

- [MM7369 – Claim Adjustment Reason Code \(CARC\), Remittance Advice Remark Code \(RARC\), and Medicare Remit Easy Print \(MREP\) Update](#)
- [MM7389 – Durable Medical Equipment National Competitive Bidding: Correction to Permit Payment for Certain Grandfathered Accessories and Supplies](#)

- **SNF PC Pricer Update**

[The FY2011 and FY2010 SNF PC Pricer](#) have been updated with more current provider data.

- **HCPCS Comment Period**

CMS announced that the Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) collection instrument has been published in the Federal Register Notice for a 60-day comment period as part of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) process. You can access this publication [by clicking here](#). To obtain copies of the supporting statement and any related forms for the HCPCS collection, access [CMS’ website](#). If you have comments regarding the proposed revision of this paperwork collection, please follow the instructions in the Federal Register Notice. To be assured consideration, comments and recommendations must be submitted by May 31, 2011.

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**Don't get in a "Family Feud" over convention sleeping rooms** – Now is the time to guarantee you have a hotel room for the game show-themed 2011 OANH Annual Convention & Trade Show. The 2011 convention will be held Wednesday - Friday, October 19-21, 2011 at the Hilton Columbus at Easton. Sleeping rooms sell out fast, so reserve yours today! The Academy has negotiated a special discounted rate of \$179 per room/per night. To make a reservation call the Hilton at 614/414-5000 and mention the **group code OAN**. ([Back to top](#)).

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