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"Fire Prevention" class starts next week – The first "Fire Prevention: Safety and Code Enforcement" class starts next week, so if you haven't registered yet, sign up today. Attending this course can help prevent your facility from getting cited by code enforcement for Fire Code violations. This popular regional education class will also review common citations and answer questions specific to your facility. Each class will feature both a Fire Safety Educator and a Code Enforcement Official from the Ohio Department of Commerce Division of State Fire Marshal. Fire Prevention: Safety & Code Enforcement will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will include lunch. This class has been approved for four (4) hours of CEU from BENHA. Academy members may attend this popular 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! This is a great opportunity for administrators, maintenance directors and nursing staff to learn together how to make their facilities safer.

Dates and locations:

- **Columbus – Wednesday, June 16**
Confluence Park Restaurant
679 W. Spring Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
- **Cincinnati – Tuesday, June 22**
Kings Island Resort and Conference
5691 Kings Island Drive
Mason, Ohio 45011
- **Cleveland - Thursday, June 24**
Crowne Plaza (Formerly Skyline Hotel)
5300 Rockside Rd.
Independence, OH 44131

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

Only two weeks left for "Early Bird" discount at convention – Time is quickly running out for your company to save \$100 by reserving your trade show booth for the 70s-themed 2010 OANH Annual Convention & Trade Show **before June 25**. The 2010 OANH Annual Convention & Trade Show will be held Oct. 20-22, 2010 (Wednesday - Friday) at the Hilton Columbus at Easton. Trade show hours will be very similar to the 2009 show.

Booth prices are as follows:

- **Regular Booth Pricing**
Early Bird Booth Prices (Through June 25, 2010)
OANH Member: \$875
Non-Member: \$975
Regular Booth Prices (After June 25, 2010)
OANH Member: \$975
Non-Member: \$1,075
- **Premium Booth Pricing**
Early Bird (Through June 25, 2010): \$1,075
Regular (After June 25, 2010): \$1,275

The 2010 Exhibitor & Sponsor Prospectus has been mailed. The prospectus and contracts for 2010 are available via the [OANH website](#), or you can contact [Dawn Kennedy](#) to reserve your booth. ([Back to top](#)).

MDS 3.0 training revisions available, new email established – The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) recently released the following updates related to MDS 3.0 found at the [Downloads section on the MDS 3.0 Training Materials website](#):

- MDS 3.0 RAI Manual V1.02 June 9, 2010 – Note: This update includes the following revised Chapter 3 Sections of the RAI manual: Z along with an updated version of E (a minor edit to correct the inadvertent miss-numbering of the examples on page E-3). This file now contains revised versions of the following sections of the RAI Manual: Chapter 3, Sections: B, D, E, F, H, I, K, L, N, P, X and Z.
- MDS 3.0 Training Slides V1.00 June 9, 2010 – NOTE: With this update we have replaced the "pdf" files with "PowerPoint" files to improve ease of use. Content in the sections previously published has not changed. This update includes the following revised Chapter 3 Section of the MDS 3.0 Training Slides: Z.
This file now contains revised versions of the following sections of the MDS 3.0 Training Slides: Chapter 3, Sections: B, D, E, F, H, I, K, L, N, P, X and Z.
- MDS 3.0 Instructor Guides V1.00 June 9, 2010 - Note: This update includes the following revised Chapter 3 Sections of the MDS 3.0 Instructor Guides: Z.
This file now contains revised versions of the following sections of the MDS 3.0 Instructor Guides: Chapter 3, Sections: B, D, E, F, H, I, K, L, N, P, X and Z.

CMS staff is working hard to complete the posting of the MDS 3.0 RAI Manual, Training Slides, and Instructor Guides. It is anticipated that the next update to this site will be Friday, June 11. CMS has targeted the week of June 14 for the publishing of the remaining sections of Chapter 3 as well as chapters 1, 2, 4, 5, and 6. Furthermore, CMS has created a special email address for MDS 3.0 "technical" questions or issues. Any inquiries should now be sent to mdstechissues@cms.hhs.gov. ([Back to top](#)).

Is your facility ready for MDS 3.0? – Is your facility ready for MDS 3.0? Make sure you are ready to go by ensuring your software is ready. Facilities should contact their software vendor and obtain documentation that their current software will be updated for MDS 3.0. Facilities are encouraged to arrange an install date **NOW** for any updates to sufficiently prepare for October implementation. The Academy is also helping you plan for MDS 3.0 with an upcoming MDS operational training. This course, taught by Leah Klush, RN, BSN is scheduled for Friday, August 6 in Cleveland and Friday, August 20 in Wilmington. **It is not a coding course, but a program geared towards administrators and management.** This new program will:

- review the content and structure of the MDS 3.0 as it compares to current assessment documents
- describe items new in the MDS 3.0 and identify definitions
- discuss assessment techniques and interview questions unique to the MDS 3.0
- describe operational systems changes necessary to accomplish accurate assessments with the MDS 3.0 process
- identify specific dates and times for the MDS 3.0 implementation

Watch your mailbox, fax and email for more information about this important program. If you have any questions, contact [Dawn Kennedy](#). ([Back to top](#)).

Your diagnosis for greater savings: The American Express® Corporate Card – Did you know the American Express® Corporate Card program can help you better manage your expenses? Through a unique partnership with Academy Premier Partner American Express,

Academy members can benefit from personalized expense management solutions, including:

- getting hard-dollar savings and increasing cash flow
- earning savings on business spending with leading national suppliers
- writing fewer checks to suppliers and improving cash flow
- reducing paperwork associated with purchasing and expense reporting
- earning points redeemable for valuable rewards for business spending through the Membership Rewards® program

To start your savings today, contact Troy Shealy at 614/890-7701. Learn more about the Academy's Premier Partner program by [clicking here](#). ([Back to top](#)).

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 Memo**

[10-21: Advance Notice - Upcoming Solicitation - National Background Check Program for Direct Patient Access Employees in Several Long Term Care Providers Including Nursing Homes, Home Health Agencies, Hospices, Adult Day Care, and Others \(5/28/10\)](#)

As part of the new 2010 Affordable Care Act, CMS will soon release to all states and U.S. territories a solicitation to apply for federal funds for a multi-year national background check program for several long term care facilities and providers. A total of \$3 million for FY 2010-2012 will be available for most states. A 25% non-federal match is required, and the match may be rendered through methods typically applied under Medicaid, including donations. Further information about this new initiative, as well as a prior background check pilot program and evaluation, may be accessed [by clicking here](#).

- **SNF PPS Resource Utilization Group-Version 4 (RUG-IV) National Provider Call**

CMS Provider Communications Group will host a national provider conference call on the Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) Prospective Payment System (PPS) Resource Utilization Group-Version 4 (RUG-IV) on Wednesday, June 23 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. This call will review key aspects of the SNF PPS case mix system, RUG-IV, which will be put into place ON AN INTERIM BASIS effective October 1, 2010. CMS subject matter experts will discuss coding procedures with emphasis on the appropriate "look-back" periods to be used when coding the Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0, and how facility staff should separately report individual, concurrent and group therapy for accurate payment. In addition, the call will discuss how changes to the ADL coding requirements impact the assignment of MDS 3.0 records to a RUG-IV group. A PowerPoint slide presentation will be posted to the [SNF PPS webpage](#). In order to receive the call-in information, you must register for the call. This registration is solely to reserve a phone line, NOT to allow participation. Registration will close at 1:30 p.m. on June 22 or when available space has been filled. To register for the call participants need to [click here](#). ([Back to top](#)).

Save the date for "Lunch & Learn: Healthcare Reform" – Mark your calendar now for the Academy's newest program, "Lunch & Learn: Healthcare Reform." This three hour course will explain how healthcare reform will affect YOUR facility and will feature presenters Geoff Webster, Esq. (Chester Willcox & Saxbe, LLP), Bert Cummins, CPA (Cummins, Krasik & Hohl), and Chris Murray (OANH). It is scheduled for Tuesday, August 10 in Wilmington and Wednesday, August 11 in Cleveland. More information concerning this course will be available soon. For questions, contact [Dawn Kennedy](#). ([Back to top](#)).

In only seven months, 16 Academy facilities received 17 awards! – Between November 2009 and May 2010, member recognition was at an all-time high! These facilities will be highlighted soon on the [award recipient page](#) on the website and in the upcoming summer issue of *The Academy Advocate*. With the statewide average now at seven deficiencies, and the national average at eight, an excellent survey is something that should be acknowledged. Congratulations to all new, and repeat, award-winning facilities on their outstanding surveys! ([Back to top](#)).

Online courses a great option for CEUs – The Academy's online training makes CEUs available wherever you are—at work, home or on the road. These online classes have been approved by the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators (BENHA), and administrators may use online or home study courses to fulfill up to five of their yearly 20-hour CEU requirement. Some of the new classes include:

- Introduction to OSHA and the OSH Act
- Employment Law
- Managing Electronic Communication
- Customer Service

- Fire Safety
- Building Security

You may sample any class for free, with no commitment. If you would like to take the class and receive CEU credit from BENHA, the cost is \$20-\$25; however, Academy members receive a discount. Members will need to use a discount code, which is available by the logging into the OANH website. Go to www.oanhonline.org now to learn more about these courses. If you have any questions, please contact [Dawn Kennedy](#). ([Back to top](#)).

Enhanced FMAP still alive in Senate – U.S. Senators have begun to address the “Extenders Bill,” which contains language that will extend the enhanced federal matching rate (eFMAP) for Medicaid expenditures another six months. That provision was dropped from the House bill (HR 4213) at the last minute due to concerns over the cost. Extending the eFMAP for an additional six months would cost the federal government about \$24 billion, with Ohio gaining about \$700 million. The bill also contains language that would increase taxes on the production of oil to pay for cleanup in the Gulf of Mexico. Despite the additional revenue, expected to be around \$15 billion, the overall cost of the bill has raised concerns among fiscal conservatives. Some Democratic Senators believe they will find the necessary votes to pass the bill as early as next week. ([Back to top](#)).

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