



Patient Financial Services News

What's Happening?

Boss's Day
10/16



National Patient Accounting Week
10/17 thru 10/21

Daylight Savings Time Ends
10/30/05



Halloween 10/31/05

Quote of the month

Vision is where tomorrow begins, for it expresses what you and others who share the vision will be working hard to create. Since most people don't take the time to think systematically about the future, those who do, and who base their strategies and actions on their visions, have inordinate power to share the future.

Burt Nanus



Catch A Shining Star

- Mahisha Winkler
- Donna Henson
- Gail Delviscio
- Denise Elliott
- Jeanne Steps
- Lamia Keene
- Carol Duvall
- Melissa Bell
- Tracy Kelch

Two Time Nominee
Felicia Lawrence

Quarterly Winner
Julius Brown

The nomination form is located at:
<http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/service/recognition/nominationform.html>

WELCOME HOWARD COUNTY STAFF

Tonia Ryan-Baker	Blue Cross
Myra Turner	Blue Cross
Karen McGhee	Blue Cross
Lauren Jacobs	Cash Posting
Natalie Joseph	Commercial/Workmens Comp.
Helena Ross	Commercial/Workmens Comp.
Eric Coulson	Financial Reporting
Maleka Kaka	HMO
Valerie Dennis	HMO
Dorothy Nolan	Medicare
Linda Syme	Self Pay Support
Elizabeth Padilla	Systems Support
Vi Hughes	Systems Support
Toni Jackson	United Health Care Products
Ebony Sellman	United Health Care Products
Terah Overbey	United Health Care Products
Denice Lentz	United Health Care Products

News to Know

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY ICE



Paramedics will turn to a victim's cell phone for clues to that persons identity. You can **make their job much easier** with a simple idea that they are trying to get across to everyone. Adopt: ICE! **ICE stands for In Case of Emergency.** If you add an entry in the contacts list in your cell phone under ICE, with the name and phone number of the person that the emergency services should call on your behalf, you can save them a lot of time and have your loved ones contacted quickly.

Paramedics know what ICE means and they look for it immediately. ICE your cell phone NOW!

Medicare Premiums and Deductibles for 2006

Part A

Deductible: \$952
Days 61-90: \$238
Days 91-150: \$476

Part B

Deductible: \$124
Premium: \$88.50

CMS updates premiums, co-pays and deductibles paid by Medicare beneficiaries yearly.


According to law, the Part B premium must cover 25% of the program's cost; the federal government pays the remaining 75%. The increased utilization of Part B services has contributed to the rate increase. 2006 will also bring about the inception of the Medicare prescription drug benefit (Part D). The average monthly Part D premium will be \$32. This coverage is expected to reduce prescription drug costs for beneficiaries who currently have no drug coverage by many hundreds of dollars. The IEP (Initial Enrollment Period) for Part D begins November 15, 2005 and runs through May 15, 2006.

Thank You

Thanks to everyone's contributions and donations we were able to send a substantial amount of supplies over to the soldiers in Iraq. The supplies were taken up to Aberdeen Proving Grounds on September 16th where they will be shipped over to Iraq with other supplies.

Thank You

Pop Quiz

1. What is the UB92 FL that contains the Hour which the patient was admitted for In/Outpatient care?
2. In WEBX what does this symbol mean? 
3. In Excel what feature uses color-coded lines to verify worksheet answers?
4. In Meditech Selection Report how can you work your queue?
5. In RDS Recall Require takes approximately how many minutes if the report is available on tape?

Answers: 1. FL18 Admission Hour
2. Fax sent successfully 3. Trace Precedents 4. Select Account icon/Process Select Accts. 5. 3 – 5 minutes

Birthdays

Bernie Sut	10/1
Larry Lasker	10/2
Myrna Attaway	10/3
Harriet Powell	10/5
Marty Swank	10/5
Brandy Carter	10/11
Mary Montague	10/12
Don Mendell	10/14
Cecelia Toms	10/17
Amy McDonald	10/19
Brenda O'Guin	10/20
Melissa Peyton	10/20
Paulette Hendricks	10/21
Deanna Bucy	10/23
Sharon Tumminello	10/23
Barbara Rossi	10/24
Tia Horsey	10/26
Karen Lohrmann	10/26
Karen Rose	10/26
Danielle Foxx	10/27
Shirley Watson	10/27
Jamie Dougherty	10/28
Jennifer Bruni	10/28
Jackie Orwig	10/29
Alcelia "C" Taylor	10/30
Margo Garner	10/31
Mary McGuire	10/31

PFS Website Information

The web address is:

<http://finance.jhmi.edu/finance.pfsMain.html>, you can find the following information.

- ~ Mission
- ~ Training and Development
- ~ Policies and Procedures
- ~ Department Phone Listing
- ~ Newsletters
- ~ Link to other JHHS sites

Got News?

If you would like to contribute news or information send it to Pat Degenkold @ pstokes@jhmi.edu. The deadline is the 20th of the month preceding the publication month. Submissions may be edited due to space limitations.

CPAT Update

22 employees are sitting for the November CPAT exam. Training will begin this month, consult the training calendar for dates/times. This year's exam will be held the week of November 13. If you have not received your study guide, call Katt Baum at AAHAM, 703-281-4043 ext. 201.

Currently 65 employees are CPAT certified.

Training Update

Beginning this month, HCGH Meditech MAGIC will be added to the training schedule. The class will be offered twice a month, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month. Please be advised that you must fill out a user request form at least 10 days prior to the class. To obtain a form, see someone in the training department.

HR Corner

A Health Fair will be held on October 26th from 8:30 to 10:30 in the lunch room of Alpha Commons. Human Resources will be here to discuss benefits such as health benefits, AFLAC and Lincoln National.

Staff News

Kim Dillow is a new grandma. 7 pound 2 ounce Bradley Alan Dillow was born on Tuesday, August 30, 2005 @ 2:24 pm.



Julius Brown, Customer Service Representative for PFS has won the quarterly Catch a Shining Star award.

Congratulations Julius !



Amy Goodman and Andrew Bednar were wed on Saturday, September 17 at St. Johns Lutheran Church in Essex.

What is Phishing?

Phishing is a method used to get you to reveal personal information to fraudulent sources. Phishing has usually been accomplished by sending e-mail to you in an effort to persuade you to log in to a supposedly reputable site to provide or "verify" your confidential account information or other confidential personal data.

What can you do to protect yourself?

Do not respond to an e-mail message requesting you to provide or "verify" your personal information. Financial institutions and other legitimate businesses generally will not send e-mail requesting that type of information. If you believe that such a message could be legitimate, check by calling the company or institution in question at a phone number that you know to be legitimate. Suspected phishing can be reported to abuse@jhu.edu or you can simply delete the message from your mailbox.

More Information

Go to these Web pages:

Anti-Phishing Working Group: <http://www.antiphishing.org/>

Federal Trade Commission:

<http://www.ftc.gov/bcp/conline/pubs/alerts/phishingalrt.htm>