



Patient Financial Services News

What's Happening?

April Fools Day
April 1st



Passover
April 3rd



April 8th

Catch A Shining Star

Narvis Addison Carter-Bey
Audrey Davis-Walker
Arskisha Richardson
Sharon Tumminello
Randy Zimmerman
Cynthia McCauley
Felicia Lawrence
Kristen Gebhardt
Parethea Bragg
Laura McCauley
Charlene Maurer
Mary Montague
Toyin Obayjanu
Nicole Hawkins
Wilma Dobbins
Deborah Stukes
Nicole Bussard
Helen Edwards
Erica Williams
Maureen Repp
Chris Samuels
LaShawn Hall
Vince Hilliard
Veronica Farr
Margo Stokes
Crystal Diggs
Elaine Norris
Tonya Moore
Mary Bergin
Teresa Jones
Pat Reinhart
Shanna Holt
Deana Ruby
Robin Clark

Two Time Nominees

Laura McCauley
Brandy Inches
Nicole Owens
Wayne Gair

Three Time Nominee

Stefanie Davis

News to Know

Spring has sprung ...so has Hay Fever !!

If spring brings a stuffy nose, scratchy eyes and an extra sneeze tacked on to your usual "acholl", you probably have hay fever (allergic rhinitis). Hay fever is the common name for an allergic response to specific substances in your environment. Hay fever is one of the most common allergic conditions, affecting about 40 million people in the United States.

If you have seasonal hay fever, tree pollen, grasses or weeds may trigger your symptoms. If you're sensitive to indoor allergens such as dust mites, cockroaches, mold or pet dander you may have year-round symptoms.

Over-the-counter medications may be enough to manage your mild hay fever symptoms. But if your signs and symptoms are more severe, or if hay fever is a year round nuisance see an allergy specialist for evaluation and treatment. Without proper treatment, hay fever can impair your quality of life, cause sleeplessness, fatigue and irritability that affect your performance at work or school, and increase your risk of developing more serious allergic conditions such as asthma or eczema.

Parking Notice:

Parking Update

The Bayview Parking Office has requested that all staff parking in Handicap Spaces provide them with a copy of the Handicap placard and the MVA Disability Certification form.

Cars parked in designated handicap spaces after March 21, 2007, without the requested information on file in the Parking Office, will be ticketed and towed.

The Parking office is located in the lower level of the Mason F. Lord Building-Center Tower, Room 133. They can be contacted at: phone 410/550-0168 or can be faxed at: 410/550-2186.



Staff News

Sharon Guthrie of Customer Service would like to announce the birth of her granddaughter Ayanna Monet Guthrie born 03/08/07 at 10:15am at GBMC hospital. She weighed 8lbs. 5.0z. and is 22 inches long.

To All PFS Staff: Thanks for all your thoughts, prayers, cards, gifts and flowers and also the PTO time. It was all very much appreciated.

Thanks,
Norma Milchling

Policy & Procedures

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For anyone who may have questions concerning the policy on inclement weather please refer to the website:

<http://finance.jhmi.edu/FinancePFS/pfsMain.html>

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

Birthdays

Lisa Mann	4/3
Linda Guy	4/7
Audrey Bell	4/8
Joyce Yankovich	4/10
Towanda Evans	4/15
Amy Bednar	4/16
Eva Hecner	4/18
Barbara Matthews	4/23
Mary Ann Kalin	4/23
Carla Lentz	4/24
Charles Neal	4/24
Maleka Kaka	4/26

New PFS Staff

Medicare Dept.

Nikol Tolliver

Lauren Dyer

Customer Servie Dept.

Charlene Rogers

PFS System Support Dept.

Training Manager

JoAnn Pelham

Quote of the Month

The truly creative individual stands ready to abandon old habits and to acknowledge that life, particularly his own unique life, is rich with possibilities.

Frank
Baron



PFS Website Information

The web address is:

<http://finance.jhmi.edu/FinancePFS/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 proceeding the publication month. Submissions may be edited due to space limitations.

HR Corner

NPI. We've all heard something about it. But what is it...really?

The short answer is that NPI or National Provider Identifier is a unique, life-long 10-digit universal billing number that must be submitted on a claim form or any electronic HIPAA transaction as of May 23, 2007.

The long answer is that the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 mandated the adoption of standard unique identifiers for all health care providers. It was decided that the current provider numbers that health care providers used did not satisfy the national standards for provider identification. On January 23, 2004 the final rule for the NPI was published and providers must submit their NPI when conducting electronic HIPAA transactions as of May 23, 2007. The benefits for providers to obtain an NPI are to simplify their billing by having one standard provider identifier when conducting electronic transactions, no longer having to use different identifiers for different contract arrangements and easing the communication between payers which will speed up coordination of benefit payments.

In order for providers to obtain their free NPI, they must contact the National Plan and Provider Enumeration System (NPPES). Fox System, Inc., the company that CMS has contracted with to assist with assigning NPIs to providers, is the NPI Enumerator that can process provider's applications and answers questions in their customer service call center. Providers may request an NPI by applying online at <http://www.nppes.cms.hhs.gov> or by calling 1.800.465.3203 to request a blank application. Providers may also update any information they provided on their application by contacting the NPPES via the web or by telephone.

Providers are urged to share their NPI with facilities and colleagues where they refer patients. For JHM, NPI will be required effective July 1st in order to be credentialed at the Hospitals.

A special project to obtain referring/ordering physician NPI's began on 11/21/06, and there are seven people working on collecting these numbers. The percentage of external physician NPI numbers collected as of 03/23/07 is 79.13%

PAC Coverage & Keane Financial Class

PAC Coverage:

Beginning July 2006, a new program in Maryland became effective. The program is called (PAC) Primary Adult Care Program. PAC replaces the Maryland Medicaid's Maryland Pharmacy Assistance Program (MPAP) and the Maryland Primary Care Program.

The MCO's having patients enrolled in PAC are: JAI, Maryland Physicians Care (MPC) and United Health Care.

These patients should be registered as **selfpay** as hospital visits are not a covered benefit!

Keane Financial Class "MI"

Financial class "MI" in Keane is used when a patient has medicare primary and an MCO secondary. After medicare has made a payment on these accounts, review of the secondary insurance is required to determine the correct financial class of the MCO.

I = Diamond

I1 = MPC

I2 = Helix Family Care

I4 = Americhoice

I6 = JAI

I9 = Amerigroup

J4 = MAPS

J6 = Priority Partners

Do not just change to financial class "T"