

Patient Financial Services News

What's Happening?



New PFS Staff

Marybeth Kondilis - MA Dept
 Izzy Blyden - Transplant Dept.
 Kristina Kalmus - Care Ctr.

Quote of the month

It is one of the strange ironies of this strange life that those who work the hardest, who subject themselves to the strictest discipline, who give up certain pleasurable things in order to achieve a goal, are the happiest people.



Brutus
 Hamilton

Catch A Shining Star

Sharon Tumminello
 Mary Ann Wallace
 Paula Skyrzczuk
 Margo Garner
 Lisa Silwonuk

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

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News to Know

JHED Web Is Moving

On Aug. 2, all JHED (Johns Hopkins Enterprise Directory) functions will be moved into a new Web site called myJohnsHopkins. This portal offers the same tools as JHED Web, but also allows you to access additional information from across Johns Hopkins. The myJohnsHopkins portal was designed to simplify and centralize access to services and content available at Johns Hopkins. The site is highly customizable and can be personalized to best meet your needs.

From Aug. 2 to Sept. 27, you will have the option to access JHED functions at the current location or at the new site. After Sept. 27, the JHED Web site will no longer be available. At this time you will have to use the myJohnsHopkins portal. The same search features currently housed in JHED will be available in the new site. You can use the directory to search for people by their last name alone or by both their first and last names.



To visit the new site, log on to: <http://my.jhmi.edu>

"Forgot Your Password"

Forgot your password? Haven't used the application for an extended period of time? Don't panic ...call the Help Desk (5-help or 5-4357).

The PFS Training Dept. conducts training of most applications within PFS. If a format within those applications is upgraded, PFS Training is on hand to assist staff to understand the change. Once a User ID & Password have been assigned PFS Training is not able to *reinstate* if forgotten or expired. Please contact the Help Desk for assistance with reinstating passwords. Once you are "reinstated", PFS Training will be on hand to assist with "refreshing" your knowledge of the application.

Employee Social Corner

PFS Annual Picnic
 Rosedale VFW
 October 4, 2007
 12 noon - 4:00



Food, games, prizes, fun!!

GUESS THE THEME!!

This year there will be a contest to see who can guess the picnic theme. Look for hints in upcoming newsletters and emails. Send your guesses to the recreation committee at PFS-RecCommittee@jhmi.edu.

First Clue: "When I hear music, I just can't make my feet behave!"

Birthdays

Maxine Jones	8/3
Wanda Tuck	8/3
Christine Bell	8/3
Jennifer Powell	8/4
Tracy Kelch	8/5
Tonya Moore	8/6
Pat Woodham	8/7
Leslie Holman-Harris	8/9
Charlene Maurer	8/11
Marlene Borowski	8/12
Carrie Hubbard	8/12
Karen Quarles	8/14
Lisa Rehberger	8/18
Emma Pilleris	8/18
Elizabeth Davis	8/20
Sue Eilerman	8/24
Lori Daniels	8/28
Terry Armstrong	8/29
Nelson Haller	8/30
Maryann Javier	8/31
Wendy Rivera	8/31
Natalie Joseph	8/31

Pop Quiz

CPAT Pop Quiz

True or False

1. Ancillary services include room & board.
2. The Truth in Lending Act is also known as Regulation Z.
3. Pre-certification does not guarantee payment of the claim.
4. ICD-9-CM was developed by the AMA.
5. Per Diem reimbursement is based on a set rate per service.

Answers: 1/False 2/True 3/True
4/False 5/False

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 Degenkolb @ pstokes@jhmi.edu. The deadline is the 20th of the month preceding the publication month. Submissions may be edited due to space limitations.

HR Corner

Tuition Assistance Program Changes Effective Fall Semester 9/1/07 June 1, 2007

Dear Employees:

Many of our employees would like to attend the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing (SON) to continue their education. To assist those employees as they attend the JHU SON, the maximum tuition assistance benefit has been increased to \$15,000 per academic year for JHHSC/JHH employees. After satisfactory completion of the last completed semester, an employee must agree to work for JHHSC/JHH, as outlined on the website. This effort is in response to The Hospital's commitment to training and retaining a high quality nursing staff.

This policy change is applicable to employees hired January 1, 2007 or later, and only applies to those attending the JHU SON. Those who wish to attend other academic institutions will be reimbursed \$10,000 maximum per academic year, if hired after 1/1/07. Employees hired prior to January 1, 2007 will continue to be eligible for a maximum of 18-24 credits per academic year, as outlined in the attached summary of the Tuition Assistance Program. The complete HR Policy 332 is available at

<http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/jhhr/PoliciesProcedures/>

Please contact Armentia Berryman at Aberrym@jhmi.edu or x4-3042 if you have any questions regarding this benefit.

Sincerely,

Pamela Paulk

Vice President, Human Resources

Johns Hopkins Health System

The Johns Hopkins Hospital

Medicare News

Medicare Part A News

ATTENTION PROVIDERS! NEW FISS ID REQUIRED!

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is consolidating Medicare data center operations at more than 20 facilities into four state-of-the-art Enterprise Data Centers (EDCs). The new data centers will help Medicare accommodate a growing claims volume, standardize operations, expand electronic services, bolster security, and lower costs by hundreds of millions of dollars over the next 10 years.

CMS plans to transfer operations for all fee-for-service Medicare claims to the EDCs in staggered workloads by September 2008. The data centers used by Highmark Medicare Services (Arkansas Data Center for MD/DC Part A business, Highmark Data Center for PA Part A and Part B business) will be transitioned later this summer to the Companion Data Services (CDS) Data Center.

In preparation of the transition to the EDC, Highmark Medicare Services will be providing the CDS with all active Fiscal Intermediary Standard System (FISS) users first name, last name, middle initial if applicable, user type, provider number, telephone number and a new unique Personal Identification Number (PIN) (which will be randomly selected by Highmark Medicare Services).

Please note: with the EDC transition, we are required to issue a new randomly assigned PIN for each system user. The new FISS User ID, password, and the 4-digit PIN will be communicated to all active FISS Users via a hardcopy letter. Once the new User ID, password, and 4-digit PIN have been established, you will be required to provide your PIN, when requesting password resets.

For new user requests, it is imperative that the user's e-mail address be made available on the FISS Logon ID Request form.

For staff that already has an active Highmark Medicare Services Logon ID, you will not need to do anything at this time.

Periodic communications will follow as due dates are established that require your action.