



Patient Financial Services News

What's Happening?



Flag Day
June 14th

Father's Day
June 15th



Begins June 21st

New PFS Staff

Stephanie Schlosser - Cust.Ser.
Bridgette Short - Blue Cross

Quote of the month

Live neither in the past nor in the future, but let each day's work absorb your entire energies, and satisfy your widest ambition.

Sir William Osler



May 2008 CPATS

Congratulations!

Anna Sui Man Cheng
Karen Lombardi
Rhonda Stealey
Chris Samuels
Ellen Capecci

Catch A Shining Star

JoAnn Sherrod-Stewart
Barbara Peterson
Johanna Cundiff

The nomination form is located at:

<http://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/service/recognition/nominationform.html>

NPI Update

“The NPI is here. The NPI is now”

As a result of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996, the use of National Provider Identifiers (NPI) was mandated. As of May 23rd this year all providers are required to use NPI numbers in standard transactions such as claims, eligibility inquiries, and remittance advices to name a few. As you may recall the original compliance deadline was set for May 23, 2007 but CMS had extended that time frame as a lot of the industry was not ready to comply. The National Provider Identifier (NPI) is a standard unique, universal, ten number digit identifier created to replace PIN's and UPIN's to identify providers.

There are two types of NPI's:

- Individual - “Entity type 1” is the NPI type people use (i.e. doctors, NP's and PA's).
- Organizational - “Entity type 2” is for all other groups such as hospitals, pharmacies, DME providers, nursing homes, group practices or their sub-parts.

Following is the NPPES website where you can go to search on both individual and organizational NPIs:

<https://nppes.cms.hhs.gov/NPPES/NPIRegistryHome.do>

How are you affected?

Effective last month we have put bill holds in the host systems (Keane, Meditech, and Meditech Magic) to hold claims that are missing NPI numbers for either physicians or facilities. This means that claims with missing NPI numbers should not make it into our electronic billing systems (Claimtrack and Caremedic), and will not be billed. These claims are then fixed in the host system, and will then become billable.

Central Physician Directory (CPD) is an internal database created to store the NPIs. To access, type the CPD URL in the address of your web browser: <http://cpdlookup.jhmi.edu/CPDlookup.cfm>

Enter part or all of the last name (required) and part or all of the first name (optional) for the physician(s) you wish to lookup.

Press the <Enter> key or click on the “Go” button to search the directory. The “Clear” button may be clicked to clear both name fields in preparation for a new lookup.

After your lookup is complete the screen will display data meeting the name criteria you entered. Clicking on the “copy/paste” button will display further information including the NPI number.

A Thorn Between Two NPI Roses

NPI Update: Please make sure you make your Manager or Supervisor aware of any NPI issues you encounter.



Birthdays

Wilhelmina Chester	06/03
Myra Turner	06/04
Pat Kowalczyk	06/08
Barbara Peterson	06/16
Katina Heinlein	06/20
Sherri Basl	06/21
Kim Robinson	06/21
Connie Sorensen	06/23
Peggy Warner	06/28
Rachel Cash	06/29
Carrie Jennings	06/30

Staff News

Blue Cross Team Shining Star for April 2008 Sandy Stevens and Julia Wolf-Crawley

Special Projects:

When we need help and an extra hand, they are there. If we have a special project, or need coverage with either billing or a position, Sandy and Julia volunteer to pitch in and help. They are both very vital to this team and also very pleasant and helpful. Julia and Sandy have set exemplary standards in their work and their team spirit. I want to thank them both for choosing the Blue Cross department as their stepping stone to higher achievements.

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

HR Corner

JOHNS HOPKINS BAYVIEW PARKING ADMINISTRATION CARPOOL PROGRAM

THE ECONOMICAL AND EFFICIENT METHOD OF PARKING AT JHBMC

If you park on the JHBMI campus, you can decrease the cost of parking and vehicle operating expenses by 50% or more by enrolling in the JHBMC Carpooling program!

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- All JHBMC faculty, staff, and students scheduled and working 40 hours weekly with a valid driver's license and owning an insured vehicle.
- Pools must have a minimum of two members
- All pools must have a recognized primary member responsible purchasing and maintaining one carpool pass and maintaining a minimum of two pool members.

ORGANIZING A POOL

You may also organize your own pool and register it with the Parking Office. It works better if friends and co-workers that are familiar with one another and live in the same general area organize the pool.

Upon identifying who your pool members are, all members must complete the require parking forms which will link their badge #s to one pool card issued to the primary pool member. The pool is issued one card that accesses the assigned lot. The pool members are responsible for the card being transferred from vehicle to vehicle.

Pool members that find it necessary to drive to work apart from the pool will be granted access to whatever lot that has space and be required to pay the max daily rate.

1. Register at the JHBMI Parking Office or
2. Online via the Bayview Intranet.

CANCELLATIONS

What if one member of the pool cancels?

The rate between pool members will increase.

Note: If a pool member drops out of a pool, they are returned to their previously assigned location providing space is available.

Rate Example

RATE	2 members	3 members	4 members	5 members
46.25	23.125	15.41666	11.5625	9.25

Staff News



Congratulations to Carlos Torres on his promotion as a Senior Representative for the Customer Service Department.

Lisa Davis who is currently on the Blue Cross Team has accepted the position of trainer in the training department.

Kathy Cole in the Medicare department is proud to announce that her son JC Cole is graduating Wednesday May 21st from Towson University with a Masters of Art degree in Teaching.



Congratulations to Marilyn Addicks, she graduated on May 18th with her Bachelor of Science degree in Management Information Systems. and a minor in Legal Environment of Business Law from Pennsylvania State University at University Park. She will begin her career in July as a Business Technical Analyst consulting on contracts for clients such as the Commonwealth of Pa, State of Ca, AT&T and Sprint technology for Deloitte out of Harrisburg, Pa. Deloitte is one of the "Big Four" auditing firms, and one of the largest professional firms in the world.