

COMPLIANCE REVIEW
SERVICES, INC.
NEWS UPDATE



**NPI NUMBERS ON THE OASIS
REQUIRED 5/23/07**

CMS requests that Home Health Agencies (HHA) begin entering the physician's NPI number in OASIS Item M0072 – Primary Referring Physician ID beginning May 23, 2007. To accomplish this, HHAs should begin gathering NPI numbers from physicians to be entered into OASIS Item M0072 for any assessment completed on or after May 23, 2007. HHAs should also begin working with their software vendors to determine if any changes are required to accommodate this. The OASIS Data Specifications Version 1.50 and HAVEN 7.1 currently provide 10 spaces for this OASIS item. This space is sufficient to accommodate the Physician's NPI number. If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact the OASIS Help Desk at oasis_help@ifmc.org or 1 (888) 477-7876.

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EMPLOYEE NEWS

MICHAEL BRADSHAW RN PROMOTED



Michael Bradshaw RN was recently promoted to the Assistant Senior Consultant position within the company. Michael has been Kimberley Kelly's (CEO) right hand man in assisting her in operating the clinical consulting side of the company for the past year. He has done a fantastic job in improving systems, answering client questions, conducting classes and working in the field. Michael's new responsibilities include more office based work rather than the field. Congratulations Michael!

PAMELA BAILEY RN

Pam Bailey RN who has been with Compliance Review Services, Inc. for several years overall has opted to go prn and work in the Dallas and Austin areas. She will not be working out of the Houston area effective 5/1/07 since she resides in Austin.

TINA BROWN RN LNC

Tina Brown RN has changed her responsibilities within the company, she is now working as a Legal Nurse Consultant and a field consultant for home health and hospice in the Beaumont area exclusively.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

DENISE GARCIA RN

Denise will be joining our consulting team effective 5/21/07. She has an extensive management background in home health and hospice and has JCAHO experience as well. We are very excited to have her join our team. Please welcome her when you see her out in training with our other staff members in May!

RETURNING EMPLOYEES

KRISTEN RAMIREZ

Kristen Ramirez rejoined the Compliance Review Services, Inc. team after a leave of absence. Her main job duties are to assist Karen Akerman, VP of Operations and provide administrative support. Welcome Back Kristen!

JOINT COMMISSION UPDATE

Compliance Review Services, Inc. clients have already been surveyed by JCAHO.

We have had 4 clients surveyed for JCAHO and 3 have passed and we are waiting to hear on the 4th. We have had clients surveyed in Victoria, Houston, and Dallas. Here are some of our helpful hints to help the survey process along, please take heed:

- 1) Submit your readiness to JCAHO and make sure you are ready in the month you designate. If not, you can contact JCAHO and delay the month you stated you were ready for. We had one client who submitted their readiness, we arrived to do their graphs and reports and in walked the surveyor. We were producing in the back room while they were surveying. They passed, but this is not the scenario we want to live for our preparation.
- 2) Make sure you read your policies and implement them. We can assist you but we cannot guarantee you will pass the survey. We will do our utmost to have this happen, but you have to be responsible as the owners and follow our recommendations.
- 3) Do not add an entity such as a DME and not tell us you are having JCAHO survey for both the agency and the DME together. A DME must be prepared just like the home health with their own reports, graphs, etc.
- 4) Be cooperative with the dates for the consultants to come. We are trying very hard to accommodate all clients for their readiness.
- 5) Don't forget to submit readiness to DADS at the 5month mark for your LHH survey. Marlene Boyd told one of our clients they won't put you on the LHH list to be surveyed if they know you are going with JCAHO, however you must be compliant and request the DADS LHH survey by the 6th month of your license being issued.
- 6) Be aware that CMS is taking 6-7 months to approve the 855A's and you have to do the OASIS test submission once you get the letter from CMS that they forwarded your application to the State.

CLASSES & EDUCATION

Compliance Review Services, Inc. offers classes both live and on line. We are currently developing additional on line classes category by category to meet the new rules effective 12/06. We expect to post additional classes by August 31, 2007.

The class which meets the 8 clock hour requirement for new Administrators and Alternates is "Administrators in Texas State and Federal Law", at www.compliancereviewservices.com

We do have a technical support button on the right hand side of the web page if you need assistance, don't hesitate to press the button it will email your concern or problem to our IT support person.

