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King v. Burwell: Supreme Court Decision

On June 25, the U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) released its decision in *King v. Burwell*, finding in favor of the Obama Administration. This decision upholds the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Affordable Care Act (ACA)-related rule that extends tax-credit subsidies to individuals who purchase insurance through either a state- or federally-run exchange. In a 6-3 decision, the majority agreed that the ACA's statutory language regarding when tax credits are available is ambiguous, but when read in the context of the entire statutory scheme, Congress clearly intended to provide subsidies for both state-run and federally-run exchanges. SCOTUS said the ACA language "compels the Court to reject [challengers'] interpretation because it would destabilize the individual insurance market in any State with a Federal Exchange, and likely create the very 'death spirals' that Congress designed the Act to avoid." The SCOTUS ruling is a clear signal that the ACA is here to stay, at least for now.

For information on suggested next steps, click [here](#).

OSHA News Release

On June 25, OSHA issued a [news release](#) promising to expand its use of enforcement resources in hospitals and nursing facilities. OSHA investigators have been instructed that all inspections of hospitals and nursing facilities should include the review of potential hazards involving musculoskeletal disorders related to patient handling; bloodborne pathogens; workplace violence, tuberculosis; and slips, trips and falls. According to Dr. David Michaels, assistant secretary of labor for occupational safety and health, "workers in hospitals, nursing homes and long-term care facilities have work injury and illness rates that are among the highest in the country, and virtually all of these injuries and illnesses are preventable." He also stated that "OSHA has provided employers with education, training, and resource materials, and it's time for hospitals and the healthcare industry to make the changes necessary to protect their workers." LNHA members should take steps now to ensure that their facilities are in compliance with the various applicable OSHA standards, particularly in the areas mentioned in the release.

Join the conversation and connect with LNHA today!

Toolkit: Promote Influenza Vaccination



The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) National Vaccine Program Office (NVPO) developed a toolkit to help long-term care employers and administrators promote influenza vaccination among their workforce and to help anyone working in long-term care facilities understand the importance of influenza vaccination for long-term care workers. The toolkit is [available now](#) to aid in early flu vaccination planning efforts.

The following list is a snapshot of information provided within the toolkit:

- Resources for Increasing Influenza Vaccination among Healthcare Personnel in Long-term Settings
- The Importance of Influenza Vaccination for Healthcare Personnel in Long-term Care
- Community Best Practices - Examples of Successful Influenza Vaccination Programs in Long-term Care
- Barriers and Strategies to Improving Influenza Vaccination among Healthcare Personnel

Be sure to browse the toolkit in preparation for your organization's flu vaccination plans.

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Save the date: LNHA's Annual Convention will be on September 21-23 at the New Orleans Riverside Hilton. Booth space is limited so reserve your spot today. To reserve your

booth or become a sponsor, call Julie Brady at 225.927.5642



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ICD-10 Transition Strategy

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By the time you read this article, we will be approximately 80 or so days away from the implementation of ICD-10. The transition requirement for all covered by HIPAA is October 1, 2015. There are two big questions we are receiving of late – “What training does my staff need?” and “What can we do today to reduce some of the transition stress?”

Staff Training Considerations

Training needs will vary depending on your facility practices. When evaluating your needs, clinicians, MDS Coordinators and billing staff should have ICD-10 training. We recommend a layered approach which includes participating in live programs, online material review and webinars from qualified sources. We are moving from approximately 14,000 codes, which are 3-5 digits in length, to a total of 68,000 codes, which are 3-7 digits in length. We encourage “practice” coding, using real resident data from your records. As the numbers of codes will dramatically increase, comfort using coding manuals or electronic resources is also key.

Preparation Steps

In addition to training, we encourage clients to ensure those in their facility who code and the clinicians who document affirm they are comfortable with proper compliance to the determination of “Active Diagnosis” found in the MDS Manual, Chapter 3, Section 1. Doing so ensures that only those diagnoses appropriate will be included in the actual transition. Additionally, being compliant to MDS coding directions cleans up Cumulative Diagnosis Lists, which many clients currently have in place. The current definition of an Active Diagnosis is “diagnoses that have a direct relationship to the resident’s functional status, cognitive status, mood or behavior, medical treatments, nursing monitoring, or risk of death during the seven-day look-back period.” There are two look-back periods for Section 1.

Step 1 is identification of diagnosis. The disease conditions in this section require a physician or physician extender documented diagnosis Intelsat. Step 2 is a seven-day, look-back period (excluding UTI, MDS item number 12300).

Moving Forward

Getting ready requires clinical, billing and coders being trained. Your organization should also ensure two additional important factors that involve work with your IT department to (a) ensure software and hardware requirements, especially vendors to obtain updates with testing time and (b) affirm compatibility with existing systems.

Those that code should have knowledge of anatomy, physiology and pathophysiology to enhance accuracy. Please note that these changes do not impact CPT coding for outpatient procedures and physician services.

LNHA’S “COUNTDOWN TO ICD-10-CM: ARE YOU READY?”

LOCATIONS AND DATES

- Delta Community College, Monroe, LA July 7-8, 2015
- Northwest LA Technical College, Minden, LA July 9-10, 2015

LNHA has teamed up with the Louisiana Community and Technical College System to provide a day and a half comprehensive training and education that will greatly help you in your transition to ICD-10. This transition will affect every aspect of your facility; everyone needs to prepare for the complexities and specificities of ICD-10. This training will help you understand the particulars and will share helpful guides to assist you in your American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) certification.

PRICING: Members: \$375; Nonmembers: \$750. This price includes the following two books: ICD-10-CM Coder Training Manual, 2015 Edition, AHIMA Trainer/Ambassador and the ICD-10-CM Codebook - OPTUM.

AHIMA offers certification as a Certified Coding Associate (CCA) which requires a high school diploma or equivalent and at least six months of coding experience directly applying codes. Individuals are responsible for applying directly to AHIMA for permission to take and schedule the test. The AHIMA Candidate Guide is available [here](#). The guide provides in-depth assistance for those interested in taking the test to gain certification.

View the [flyer](#) and [register today!](#) Space is limited.

Read What Attendees Are Saying about LNHA's ICD-10 Trainings



"This class is really very helpful. ICD-10 is very challenging!"

"I don't know how someone can do this without training! One day they are going to make a mistake and cost their facility a lot of money!"

"This is really good training -- everyone should do it especially the reimbursement people!"

"I did MDS for nine years and couldn't figure out ICD-9 book. Now I know how to use the ICD-10 code book!"

"I didn't get it at first -- now I do!"

"The instructors are great!"

"I took another course and was still not sure I understood this. This course made it all clear."

Don't miss your opportunity to register for the last two ICD-10 training locations. [Register today!](#)

In Memoriam: Conrad Maloy Stott

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of Conrad Maloy Stott, Martin Stott's father. Conrad was a valued member of our profession and he will be greatly missed by all.

Obituary: Conrad Maloy Stott

Conrad Maloy Stott, born August 29, 1932 in Slaughter, Louisiana, went to be with His Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Sunday, June 28, 2015 at the age of 82. He is survived by his wife of 62 years Elizabeth (Betty) McVea Stott. Those who knew him would agree that he never met a stranger because he loved talking with people. His desire was to share his faith in Jesus Christ with everyone. Maloy served as a Deacon and later as a Ruling Elder of the Plains Presbyterian Church. He was a member of the 1950 Clinton High School state championship football team and the LSU football squad of 1951. He served as a medic in the United States Air Force stationed in Lake Charles from 1952-1956. Maloy began his career as an operator at W.R. Grace in 1957, and retired from Allied Signal in 1984. He began working as Assistant Administrator of Grace Health and Rehab from 1984 until his retirement in 2000. Maloy is preceded in death by parents Joseph Conrad Stott and Sarah Young Stott; Sister, Eileen Siebert, and her husband, Charles, and grandson William Maloy Stott. He is survived by sisters Elizabeth Richards and husband, Johnny and Winnie Castello and husband, Aubrey and brother Joseph Stott and wife, Betty; three sons Martin Maloy Stott, and wife, Jodie, William McVea Stott, and wife Nancy, and Robert Earl Stott and wife, Shea. Nine grandchildren: Katie Eaves and husband, Alan, Annie Seal and husband, Jonathan, Katherine LeBlanc and husband, Branden, Martin Stott, Jr. and wife, Jessica, Sarah Geter and husband, Whitney, IV, Whitney Stott, Blake Stott and wife Kaitlyn, John Stott and wife Alison, and Ben Stott. Fourteen great-grandchildren: Jacob, Caleb and Elizabeth Eaves; Madison, Cole, Benton and Clara LeBlanc; Easton, Elli, Karsyn and Jacob Rish; Aiden Stott; Levi and Lilah Geter. Pallbearers will be Mart, Jr., John, Ben and Blake Stott and Alan Eaves, Branden LeBlanc, Jon Seal and Whitney Geter, IV. The Stott family wishes to thank the staffs of Oakwood Village Assisted Living, Grace Health and Rehab and Lane Regional Medical Center for the love, care and compassion given to our Pop. Share sympathies, condolences and memories at www.CharletFuneralHome.com.



Louisiana Nursing Home Association invites long-term care nursing staff in supervisory roles to attend the “D.O.N. Boot Camp Seminar” on August 25-26 at the [Paragon Casino Resort](#) in Marksville, LA. This two-day D.O.N. Boot Camp seminar is designed to provide a Registered Nurse with the information and knowledge to serve as a Director of Nursing.

This seminar will teach attendees how to maintain compliance with state and federal regulations and will demonstrate how to guide staff to provide quality care to residents. Sessions will also include the following topics: current regulatory requirements; planning for the survey process; and tips on building competent and effective nursing teams in your long-term care facility. See agenda on page 2 and 3 for registration times and more detailed information.

Cost

The registration fee is \$280 for LNHA members and \$560 for non-members. Your hotel reservation is not included in this fee. The workshop fee includes handouts, breakfast, lunch and contact hours. Space is limited so register online today.

To register, visit www.lnha.org and click on the calendar icon. Select the event you’re interested in and begin registering. The registration deadline is Tuesday, August 18. Once you’ve registered online, mail your check to 7844 Office Park Blvd, Baton Rouge, LA., 70809, or contact Susan Helm at 225.927.5642 to pay by credit card.

Reservations

To receive the special group reservations discount at the Paragon, call 800.642.7777 and use the code **LNHA24G**. Make your reservation by Monday, August 3, to receive this special group rate.

Additional details

This activity has been submitted to the LSUHSC School of Nursing for CE credit and is pending approval. The LSUHSC School of Nursing is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. Registrants must attend all sessions to receive continuing nursing education credit.

Register today at www.lnha.org!



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LNHA's Upcoming Events and Save the Dates!



New events have been added to the [News and Events webpage](#) and to the e-calendar. To register for an event, visit www.lnha.org and click the calendar icon on the home page and select the appropriate event.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- July 7-8: ICD-10, Monroe
- July 9-10: ICD-10, Minden
- August 25-26: DON Boot Camp, Marksville

SAVE THE DATES:

- September 21-23: Annual Convention and Trade Show, New Orleans

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