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Nashgroup Websites

<http://www.nashgroup.com>

<http://www.advance-solutions.com/>

<http://www.patientratios.com>

Healthcare Websites

<http://www.healthcarehiring.com/healthnews.html>

<http://www.hospitalconnect.com/DesktopServlet>

Legislative Link

Hospital Report Card Act
Illinois legislative website outlines the law effective January 1, 2004

PCMAuditor™ Version 8.x Preview

PCMAuditor™ Version 8 will be released January 2004. Many of the changes were created at the request/suggestion of our clients.

- Data Tracking for the Illinois Report Card Act
- Version 8.x is built completely under the version7.x directory structure.
- System files are now hidden from the operational user.
- With a single “log in” you can navigate throughout the PCMAuditor™.
- Version 8.x allows for the organization of more than 100 divisions or mini hospitals under a single PCMAuditor™ system.
- A data entry form minimizes errors in data collection.
- A “0” can be entered when there is no census and still generate reports without errors.
- Set up and maintenance of the PCMAuditor™ system is now organized in a “System Building and Set-Up Files” menu.
- “Reports” and “Files” menus have been integrated into one menu.
- Version 8.x adds date and time selection to many reports.
- Date and week were added to the weekly variance report.
- Version 8.x budget templates can now provide full spreadsheets with allocations by Month/Day AND Partial Shift.
- Budget tab totals FTE’s before PTO is added

Welcome New Clients

Welcome to Sherman Health Systems, one of largest networks of medical care facilities in Chicago's far Northwest suburbs. Elaine Hastings is the Vice President of Patient Services and Chief Nursing Officer at Sherman Hospital.

Sherman Health Systems includes Sherman Hospital, Sherman West Court (a long term care facility), Sherman Home Care Partners and two immediate care facilities.

Sherman Hospital is a regional heart center, performing more cardiac procedures than any other hospital in Kane, McHenry, DuPage, Lake and Will counties. Other hospital services include emergency services and Level II Trauma Center, cancer care services, diabetes center, orthopedic care and the birthing center with a neonatal intensive care nursery.

Legislative Update

Monday, December 15th, the Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council hosted a conference on the Illinois Report Card Act. A representative of the Illinois Department of Public Health, the enforcing agency of the IRCA, presented an overview of the Act. Deb Terry presented the PCMAuditor™ Version 8.x reporting for the IRCA. The content included the hospital requirements for staffing, turnover, and vacancy reporting. Time was also spent identifying whistleblower provisions. More than 60 hospitals were represented at the conference.

Tips and Tricks - PCMAuditor™

To create a new fiscal year (when there is an existing one present) please complete the following steps:

- Open the "setup" file located under the "setup" folder under "PCMAudit"
- Select "Create a new fiscal year" from the menu tabs

Questions & Answers

What tips or techniques have helped increase a nurse manager's competency with interpreting PCMAuditor™ reports?

Sheri Ewing, RN, Nursing Systems Manager at Children's Memorial in Chicago, uses her hospital's intranet to post one of their unit's reports. Sheri uses this weekly posting as a common platform to build nurse manager's comfort and competence.

We wish you a Happy New Year!



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