

Dear Administrator,

As you know the American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordinators (AANAC) is a non-profit professional organization dedicated to supporting clinicians who are involved in the RAI/MDS process. I am thrilled with the tools and resources I am receiving as a member of AANAC. This valuable membership assists me in understanding MDS coding to ensure accuracy in resident assessments, reimbursement and quality indicators/quality measures.

Recently, CMS announced the implementation timeline for the MDS 3.0. In addition, there are other changes that will affect our facility including items like the Quality Indicator Survey, Value Based Purchasing and the eventuality of the electronic health record. AANAC is right on top of these issues and sends me weekly updates on these topics.

This year the AANAC National Spring Conference will be March 5 and 6 in Kansas City, Missouri. The conference offers dynamic speakers and conference topics specifically targeting the RAI/MDS process. I am asking you to consider sending me to this conference and I in turn, will commit to bringing back all of the information and sharing with the interdisciplinary team. I have attached the brochure for your review.

I realize that by sending me to this conference, the facility is making a large investment. Compare the costs of the conference to the Medicare Math shown in the brochure. The resources and knowledge I will learn at the AANAC conference would help me do my job more effectively thus enhancing the quality of care we provide to our residents.

The deadline for pre-conference registration is 2/23/2009!

Sincerely Yours,