

Nursing Home Rate Communications Training

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Discuss changes in Nursing Home Rate Communications for providers effective April 1, 2011.





Changes Effective April 1, 2011

- ForwardHealth will no longer print/mail rate letters.
- Rates will be available for viewing and downloading from the secure Provider page of the ForwardHealth Portal.
- Information available on the ForwardHealth Portal will be the same information contained in current printed rate letters and attachments, including information regarding appeals.





- Specific nursing home rate information will be available to providers/staff who are authorized to have access to that information.
- Portal Administrators automatically can perform all roles, even as new roles are added to the Portal. Other staff can be assigned as appropriate.
- Authorized staff can be either the Portal Administrator, Clerk Administrator, or a Clerk assigned the new role of "NH Rate Communications."
- The new role, "NH Rate Commun" will be available at the end of March 2011.
- The new role can be added for staff who are currently authorized Portal access, or a role can be designated to other staff.



Instructions for Assigning Roles (Screen Shot)

- Log in to the secure Provider area of the Portal.
- Click "Account" from the main menu.
- Click "Clerk Maintenance."
- Assign the new role of "NH Rate Commun" to staff who require access to rate information.
- Refer to the Portal Account User Guide for complete instructions. Public Portal Home Page/Provider icon button/References & Tools/Portal User Guides/Account Users.





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- Add a Clerk.
- Remove a Clerk.
- Add a Role to a Clerk.
- Change Clerk Profiles and Roles.
- Reset a Clerk's password.
- Assign a Clerk Administrator.





Accessing Rate Communications – Secure Account (Screen Shot)

- Once a Clerk's "NH Rate Communications" role is assigned, rate information can be accessed by logging in to the secure Provider area of the Portal.
- From the home page, go to the Quick Links box and select "View Nursing Home Rate Communications."
- When new rate information is available, it will appear as a new link in a section titled "New Nursing Home Rate Communications."
- Older rate information will be available in a section titled "Prior Nursing Home Rate Communication."



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- Access rate information for all Wisconsin nursing homes via the public Portal.
- Lists rates for all Wisconsin Medicaid-certified nursing homes.
- Accessible to all users does not require logging in with user name and password.





Functions Available Through Public Rate Inquiry

- Search for specific Nursing Home Rates.
- View all Nursing Home Rates.
- Search for up to a year's worth of rate information per inquiry.
- Display results and export information in a Comma-Separated Value (CSV) file format.



Access Public Rate Information

- Go to the ForwardHealth Portal at *www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/*.
- From the Provider Quick Links area on the left side of the Portal home page, select either of the following:
 - o "Fee Schedules"/"Public Rate Inquiry."
 - "Provider-Specific Resources/"Nursing Facility"/"More Information."
- Refer to the March 2011 *ForwardHealth Update* (2011-14) titled, "Nursing Home Rate Communications Available on the ForwardHealth Portal."





Providers who have questions/problems setting up or changing their Portal accounts should contact the Portal Helpdesk at (866) 908-1363 (Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CST).

