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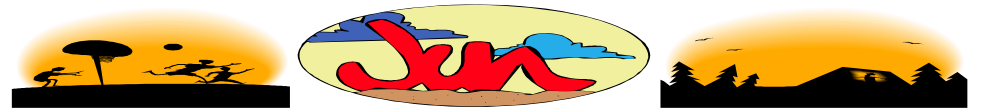
We finally have the final (I hope) waiver codes that will begin October 1, 2003. Along with the change in the codes some unit definition will change as well. I will print the conversion chart in this issue of the HCBS NEWS, but you will also be receiving bulletins from ACS.

You have received information about the provider training being held July 28th and 29th by compressed video. I strongly recommend that the person who is actually responsible for submitting the claims attend this training.

Once the new codes go into effect on October 1, 2003 it will expedite your payments if you are billing electronically. Payments based on paper claims may take up to 30 days. If you are still billing on pa-

per claims it would be a good idea to pursue electronic billing as soon as possible. The software will change but we are told that it will still be in a windows format and the switch over should not be a problem. If you are wanting to switch to electronic billing, call Provider Relations at ACS (1-800-251-1268) and ask for the Electronic Media Claims Specialist. The software and the technical assistance is free.

Please watch for further updates on the billing conversion and be ready to use the new codes on October 1, 2003. &



Here it is, the end of another waiver year. It is pretty exciting to begin year number 11 of the LTC/HCBS waiver and year number 3 of the Assisted Living Facility Waiver.

It is amazing to me how far we have come with the number of people we are able to serve and the number of providers we have out there making sure all of our clients have excellent care. As I am doing the rounds of on-site visits again and have the privilege of

visiting clients in their home I continue to see what an impact you are making on these people who would be in a nursing home if there were not a program to give them services in their home.

The road of home care services is not always smooth and I know you suffer when they suffer. We are so thankful and proud that you chose the career path that you have, and I know the clients are too. &

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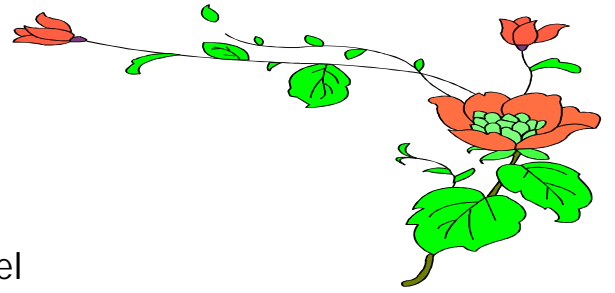
LTC/HCBS AND ALF/HCBS WAIVER CODE CONVERSION CHART

(Effective October 1, 2003)

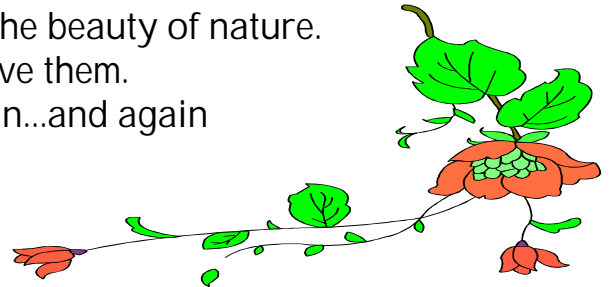
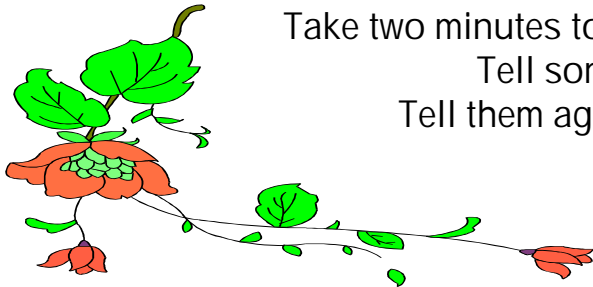
Procedure Description	Current Procedure Code	Current Unit	New Code	New Unit	New Unit Price
Case Management	W-6001	per day	T2024	per day	\$7.87
Self-Help Assistant	W-6002	per hour	T2041	per 15 minutes	\$2.50
Personal Care Attendant	W-6003	per hour	T1019	per 15 minutes	\$3.75
Respite Care	W-6005	per hour	S5150	per 15 minutes	\$3.25
Home-Delivered Meals	W-6007	per meal	S5170	per meal	\$5.00
Skilled Nursing	W-6008	per 30 minutes	S9123	per hour	\$30.00
Personal Emergency Response Install	W-6009	per installation	S6160	per installation	\$70.00
Personal Emergency Response Monthly	W-6010	per month	S5161	per month	\$45.00
Non-Medical Transportation	W-6011	per event	T2003	per trip (one way)	\$5.40
Care Coordinator	W-6012	per day	T2024 TF	per day	\$5.36
Adult Day Care	W-6013	per hour	S5100	per 15 minutes	\$1.25
ALF - Level I	W-6096	per day	T2031	Per day	\$32.00
ALF - Level II	W-6097	per day	T2031 TF	per day	\$36.00
ALF - Level III	W-6097	per day	T2031 TG	per day	\$40.00
ALF Case Management	W-6099	per day	T2024	per day	\$4.00



On this day...



Mend a quarrel
 Search out a forgotten friend.
 Dismiss a suspicion and replace it with trust.
 Encourage someone who has lost faith.
 Keep a promise. Forget an old grudge.
 Examine your demands on others and vow to reduce them.
 Fight for a principle.
 Express your gratitude.
 Overcome an old fear.
 Take two minutes to appreciate the beauty of nature.
 Tell someone you love them.
 Tell them again...and again...and again



NEW PROVIDER NUMBERS

WAITING LIST CORRECTION

The LTC/HCBS providers who also are providers for the Developmental Disabilities waivers had to change their provider number as of May 1, 2003. ACS provided a crosswalk so that amendments on current Plans of Care were not necessary but that was only on those Plans of Care that were already in the system. **All new and renewal Plans of Care and amendments submitted after May 1, 2003 must have the new number on them.**

The Plans of Care that are put into our system with the old numbers will be rejected by ACS as they are no

longer recognized as LTC/HCBS providers. If we happen to catch the wrong number as we put it into our system it will be sent back to you to amend as we do with any Plan of Care that contains the wrong provider number.

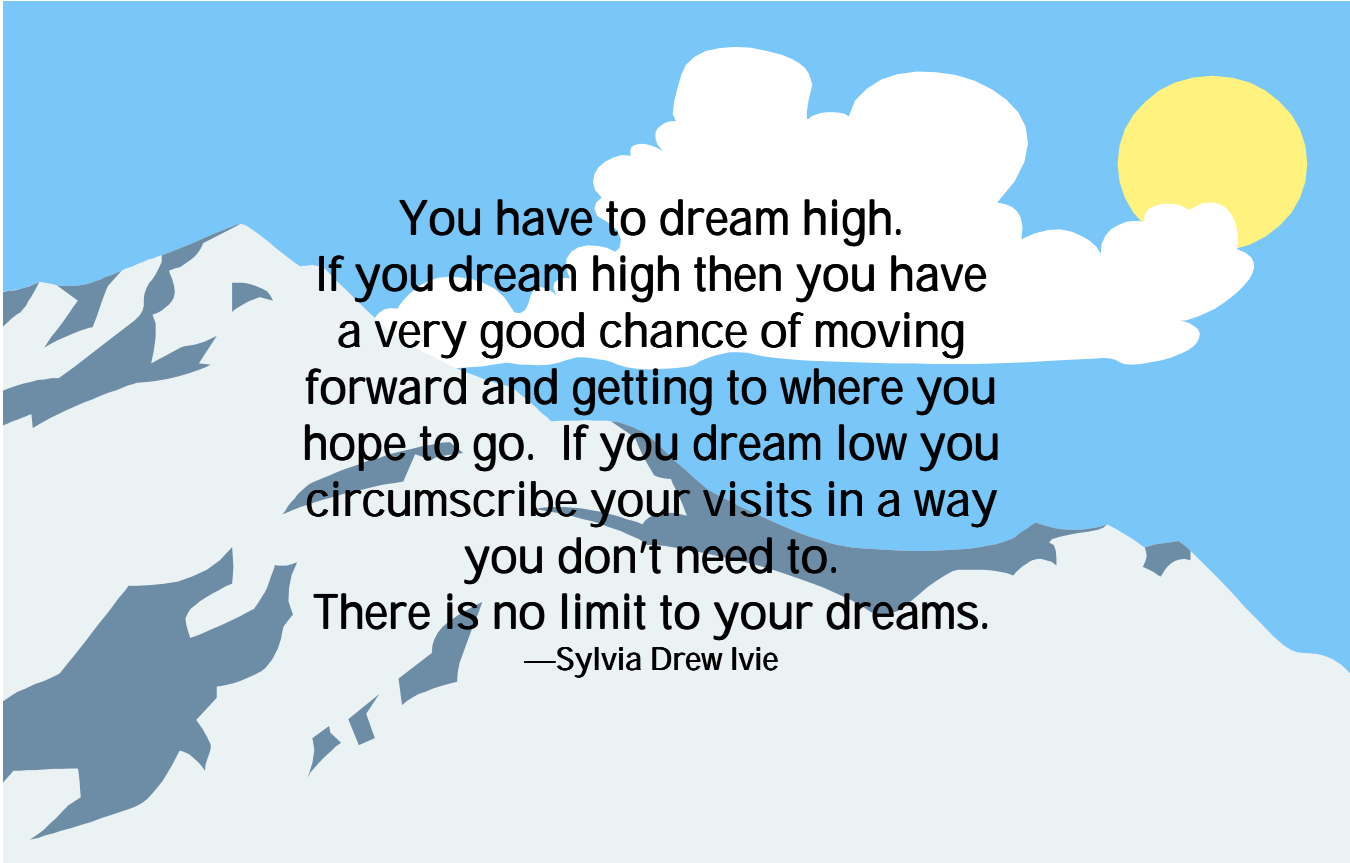
We realize that many of you have used the same provider number for years and that you put it in from memory, but all of the Case Managers in every agency that had a provider number change needs to be made aware of the new number and use it on all Plans of Care and amendments. ☺

Last month I reported that there were 208 people on the LTC/HCBS Waiver waiting list. That was an error! Some computer gremlin zapped my numbering system and it went, in order, from 121 to 170. I am confident it is now fixed (and to be sure, I check it daily). The real total is 147 and it is taking 5 - 6 months to reach the top.

The Assisted Living Facility Waiver waiting list is now at 26. There has been very little movement on this waiting list. Please be sure that you are keeping

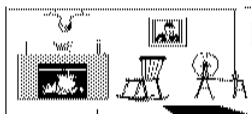
track of your ALF clients and are discharging them appropriately. The assisted living facilities need to communicate with the Case Managers if the waiver clients should enter the nursing home. ☺





You have to dream high.
If you dream high then you have
a very good chance of moving
forward and getting to where you
hope to go. If you dream low you
circumscribe your visits in a way
you don't need to.
There is no limit to your dreams.
—Sylvia Drew Ivie

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