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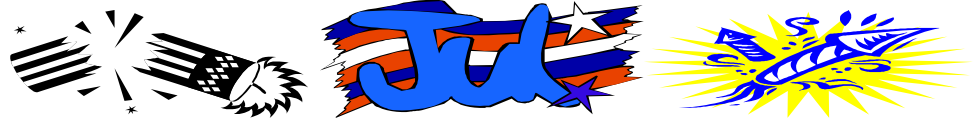
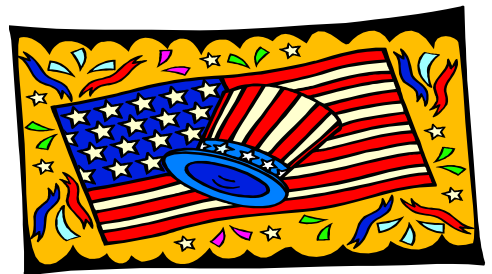
When we call the Case Manager to let them know that there is a slot available for an individual it does not mean the person is Medicaid eligible at that moment. It means a referral needs to be made to Public Health for the new LT101 and an updated Plan of Care needs to be submitted to our office. We cannot actually put the person in that slot until the above paperwork is received. We do honor the fax date if all the required paperwork is included in the fax.

If you are notifying your client that they have a slot, please make it clear that the system does not recognize them as eligible until all of your paperwork is received, we have had time to put into the sys-

tem, and DFS has been notified, by our office, of the date of eligibility. Your call to DFS telling them that the client has a slot provides information only. We have to officially notify them that the Plan of Care has been approved by our office and what day.

The Medicaid eligibility will go back to the first day of the month in which the Plan of Care was approved, but the process is not in-

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Here we are in the middle of Frontier Days again. The "back to school" ads always hit the paper along with the Frontier Days information so we get subtle hints that summer is winding down.

Once again, please be aware of your people who may need more intervention during the hot weather. The elderly are especially at risk as well as those who have multiple

sclerosis. Make sure that the Personal Care Attendants pay extra attention to encouraging fluids and watching for evidence of distress from the heat. So many of the older houses don't have adequate ventilation and the elderly may not sense that they are getting over-heated.

Stay cool, and enjoy what is left of the summer. See you next month. ☺

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DRUG-FOOD INTERACTIONS

Most foods are perfectly safe when used in moderation. However, when used in large amounts, some foods may interact with prescription medications.

Dairy Products¹

Ciprofloxacin (Cipro)
Levofloxacin (Levaquin)
Gatifloxacin (Tequin)
Moxifloxacin (Avelox)
Norfloxacin (Noroxin)
Ofloxacin (Floxin)
Tetracycline (Sumycin)
Minocycline (Minocin, Dynacin)
Doxycycline (Vibramycin, Monodox)
Fluconazole (Diflucan)
Griseofulvin (Fulvicin, Grisactin, Gris-Peg)
Ketoconazole (Nizoral)
Itraconazole (Sporanox)



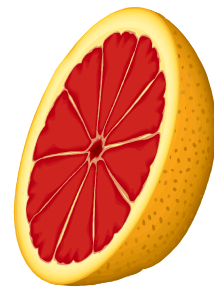
Caffeine²

Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
Aspirin
Alprazolam (Xanax)
Lorazepam (Ativan)
Triazolam (Halcion)
Albuterol (Proventil, Ventolin)
Terbutaline (Brethine)
Cimetidine (Tagamet)
Dipyridamole (Persantine)
Lithium (Eskalith, Lithobid)
Ciprofloxacin (Cipro)
Levofloxacin (Levaquin)
Gatifloxacin (Tequin)
Moxifloxacin (Avelox)
Norfloxacin (Noroxin)
Ofloxacin (Floxin)
Terbinafine (Lamisil)
Theophylline (Theo-Dur, Slo-bid, Theo-24, Uniphyll)
Verapamil (Calan, Verelan)
Propranolol (Inderal)
Metoprolol (Lopressor)
Phenelzine (Nardil)
Tranylcypromine (Parnate)
Iron Products



Grapefruit Juice³

Astemizole (Hismanal)
Alprazolam (Xanax)
Lorazepam (Ativan)
Triazolam (Halcion)
Buspirone (Buspar)
Amlodipine (Norvasc)
Nifedipine (Procardia, Adalat)
Nisoldipine (Sular)
Felodipine (Plendil)
Nicardipine (Cardura)
Diltiazem (Cardizem)
Verapamil (Calan, Verelan)
Carbamazepine (Tegretol)
Carvedilol (Coreg)
Clomipramine (Anafranil)
Cyclosporine (Neoral, Sandimmune)
Estradiol (Estrace)
Lovastatin (Mevacor)
Simvastatin (Zocor)
Atorvastatin (Lipitor)
Itraconazole (Sporonox)
Losartan (Cozaar)
Quinidine
Warfarin (Coumadin)
Tacrolimus (Prograf)



For more information on Drug-Food interactions or to find out about interactions with your prescription medications, call your local pharmacist.

¹Bland S. *Drug-Food Interactions*. Journal of the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin. Nov/Dec 1998.

²Jellin JM, Gregory P, Batz F, Hitchens K, et al. *Pharmacist's Letter/Prescriber's Letter Natural Medicines Comprehensive Database*. 3rd ed. Stockton, CA: Therapeutic Research Facility; 2000.

³Grapefruit Juice-Drug Interactions. Accessed July 1, 2003 from <http://www.powernetdesign.com/grapefruit/interactions>





Reflections

—Henry Ward Beecher

Nothing on earth can smile but man. Gems may flash reflected light, but what is a diamond flash compared to an eye flash or the flash of mirth? Flowers cannot smile: this is a charm that even they cannot claim. It is the prerogative of man. It is the color which love wears, and cheerfulness, and joy - these three. It is the light in the windows of the face by which the heart signifies it is at home and waiting. A face that cannot smile is like a bud that cannot blossom and dries up on the stalk. Laughter is day and gloom is night, but a smile is the twilight that hovers gently between both ... more bewitching than either.

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LT101S AND THE WAIVER

Generally, a phone LT101 should not be done for either the LTC/HCBS or the Assisted Living Facility Waiver. The only exception to that is if someone who is applying for either waiver is in a rehab facility, even out of state, and needs to make application for the waiver before they come home. Experience tells us that there will always be other exceptions. If you have an unusual situation that may warrant a phone LT101 please call and we will make a decision whether or not it is appropriate.

Renewal LT101s, as well as Plans of Care are not to

be done if the client is out of the home because of a hospitalization, nursing home stay or being on vacation. The renewal, including the LT101, is to be done when they return home. The client will remain waiver eligible during that period but they will not have a current Plan of Care in place. That won't be a problem because they aren't in the home to receive waiver services.

When you have a client to renew and they are out of the home for any of the above reasons when the renewal is due, please call our office and let us know that the renewal will be late. ☺

stantaneous.

You can make the process smoother by:

- * **Responding quickly when you are notified a slot is available. If the client doesn't make points on the LT101 call and let us know as soon as you know. If there is a delay in getting the Plan of Care done because of the client being in a nursing home, out of town, etc., let us know that as well.**
- * **Inform the client of what happens when**

the slot is available. Many of the clients think they can get their medications filled the moment the slot opens.

- * **Leave the DFS notification to our office unless the DFS Worker requests you let them know.**

Our mutual goal is to reduce the clients confusion and improve their access to both waiver and Medicaid services. I am sure we can accomplish that by working together. ☺

Truisms:

If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.

Money will buy a fine dog, but only kindness will make him wag his tail.

The nicest thing about the future is that it always starts tomorrow.

Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?

No one ever says "It's only a game" when they are winning.

I have reached the age where "Happy Hour" is a nap. Scratch a dog and you'll find a permanent job.

A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you are in deep water.

There are worse things than getting a call for a wrong number at 4 AM. It could be a right number.

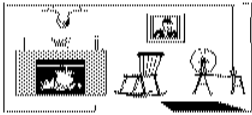
Business conventions are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.

You know you are old when you reach down to get the wrinkles out of your panty hose and realize that you aren't wearing any.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.

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