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## COMPANY UPDATES

### Visit our Updated Website

Version 2.0 of the Concept Healthcare website went live in early September. When you visit, you will find it is easier to locate courses now by topic of interest, audience, CE or no CE, and the best application of the course. It is easier to use and get around to all of our courses. Our "Tailored Training" package for custom inservices was re-designed, making it easier to select topics for your group and schedule these customized trainings. There is also a "buy one, get a free course" with a new complimentary course offered each month. And, as a fall special, we have drastically reduced the prices of five courses for our audience of nurses. You will find these reduced fee courses by selecting the search by "Audience" tab > then "Nurses in LTC." [New Home Page](#)

### Upcoming Web Conferences -- New Times

There are two scheduled web conferences this month. On Wednesday, Oct. 8th, Brenda Billimoria, LCSW, is presenting "Blurred Lines between Medical and Psychological Disorders in Older Adults." And, on October 22, Dr. Joe Casciani is giving a presentation on "The Use and Benefits of the Health and Behavior Codes in LTC for Psychologists." Visit our website and click on the "Web Conferences" icon for more details and registration information. We are also repeating our no-cost teleseminar for family caregivers, scheduled for Thursday, October 23, at 5:00p Pacific. Details on this family caregiver event are found by selecting [Free Resources](#).

### Job Postings

Also on the new home page, there is a tab "Job Postings" which brings you to a page describing our interest in hiring psychologists, LCSW's, psychiatrists, and advanced practice nurses to work with us in our direct services division of Concept Healthcare. To start, we are recruiting in California and Texas, and expect to establish similar operations in other states in coming months. As with the rest of the company, our focus with these direct services is to partner with LTC facilities and rehabilitation companies, and deliver behavioral health services and consultation. The patients we will focus on includes older adult residents whose medical conditions are complicated or exacerbated by co-morbid psychological issues, and cannot manage or recover from their conditions because of these barriers. [More details](#)

## Upcoming Web Conferences

**DAYS AND TIMES VARY  
-- MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!**

### Join us for our series of live web conferences

- Easy to access using a single phone line (audio) and an optional internet connection (for visuals)
- Any number of participants may attend at a single site, for 1 registration fee
- All 1 hour (1.0 CE credit)
- Login information and a copy of the *Participant Guide* are sent in advance

October 8 -- 8:00am PT, 9:00 MT, 10:00 CT, 11:00 ET

**Blurred Lines between Medical and Psychological Disorders in Older Adults** - Brenda Billimoria, LCSW (\* APA, BRN, BBSE, TXBSW, FLBSW)

[Register](#)

## The Podium is Yours!

Since its inception, Concept Healthcare has held live training seminars via its web conferencing service, event scheduling and registration process, and offer of CE credits. We are now making this conferencing package available to you or your organization. The Podium is Yours! is a new feature allowing you to schedule a live event, and present it to your own audience. If you want to offer an educational program or conference, and want to avoid arranging the meeting location, the promotion and registration process, and CE accreditation, consider using CoHealth's "Podium." You decide on the topic, speaker, date and time, participant list, and online registration, and rely totally on our conference service, toll free phone line, online registration, and promotion. We can offer CE credit for qualified topics, and handle recording of the event, if desired. Select the [Podium](#) button for more details.

## Upcoming Web Conference on PQRI

CoHealth is sponsoring a 1-hour presentation on the Physician's Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI) on Friday, November 14, 2008. The live presentation will be given by Dr. Paula Hartmann-Stein who was the chair of the small expert work group to develop the first set of quality measures for psychologists and social workers under the Medicare system. Paula was appointed to the work group by Division 12 of APA. During this live web conference, Paula will cover the nuts and bolts of conducting these new quality measures in your practices, and how to get paid the extra financial bonus.

These incentives incorporate nothing more than what constitutes good clinical practice with our Medicare patients, such as screening for depression, verifying medications, or screening for abuse. Learning how to code these measures means financial bonuses under Medicare, so why not learn how to receive these bonuses from Medicare for good practice? All Medicare mental health providers are strongly encouraged to participate in this seminar. It is important that practitioners be informed about this incentive program because pay for performance is a major trend in today's health care climate, and it is a trend that is not going away.

Following Paula's presentation, there will be period for Q&A. One hour of CE credit will be given. Registration details will be available on the CoHealth website in the coming weeks. Put this important educational event on your calendars: Friday, Nov. 14, 2008, 7:00am Pacific, 8:00 Mtn., 9:00 Central, 10:00 Eastern time. [Register](#)

## Trade Mark Announcement

Concept Healthcare is proud to announce that our shortened name, CoHealth, and our tag line, We Do Care, are now both registered service marks with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. So, when you see the encircled R symbol on any of our materials, it represents an official registration with the USPTO.

October 22 -- 8:00am PT, 9:00 MT, 10:00 CT, 11:00 ET

**Use and Benefits of Health and Behavior CPT Codes in LTC for Psychologists** - Joseph M. Casciani, PhD (\*APA)

[Register](#)

October 23 - 5:00pm PT, 6:00 MT, 7:00 CT, 8:00 ET

Free Telephone Workshop for Family Caregivers: **Orientation to Nursing Homes -- Who's Who, Who Does What, and What Questions to Ask** - Angelika Shore (Regional Manager for CoHealth Psychology Services). Presentation is 30 minutes, followed by Q&A. (no CE credit)

[Register](#)

November 14, 2008 -- 7:00am PT, 8:00 MT, 9:00 CT, 10:00 ET

**The Physician's Quality Reporting Initiative (PQRI): Making it Work for You** - Paula Hartman-Stein, PhD (\*APA, BBSE, TXBSW, FLBSW)

[Register](#)

## OTHER ITEMS

Upcoming Conference in Ohio on "Evidence-Based Community Interventions for Geriatric Depression and Cognitive Decline." Program includes presentations on Healthy IDEAS: A home-based interdisciplinary intervention for geriatric depression. Friday, October 24, 2008, Akron, Ohio. Presented By Summa Health System and Western Reserve Geriatric Education Center, Northeastern Ohio Universities, Colleges of Medicine & Pharmacy, Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities. For physicians, psychologists, residents, nurses, social workers, counselors. Up to 6 hours of CE credit. For registration and details, call Summa Connections at 800-237-8662.

Clinical Resources. LLC, a nurse recruiting firm, has launched the first radio show geared "to nurses, by nurses and about nursing," particularly Long Term Care nursing. It will cover the various practice areas available to nurses, and will also offer a series of educational topics. You can listen via internet streaming at [www.radiosandysprings.com](http://www.radiosandysprings.com). And archives of the show are available at <http://www.radiosandysprings.com/showpages/nursetalk.php>. For details about upcoming program dates and times, contact Clinical Resources at 888-800-3377, or visit [www.clinicalresourcesllc.com](http://www.clinicalresourcesllc.com).

For anyone caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease in their home, The Copper Ridge Institute, affiliated with The Johns Hopkins University, has developed the first training resource of its kind for caregivers, providing a step-by-step method for caring for loved ones with Alzheimer's disease. Available as a DVD and webcast, the free program ([www.alzcast.org](http://www.alzcast.org)) re-creates many of the daily situations that caregivers may encounter and provides coaching for each of these activities based on best practices developed by The Copper Ridge Institute. For a free copy of the DVD, visit [www.alzcast.org](http://www.alzcast.org).

HCPPro is offering updates on the new MDS 3.0. To subscribe to the distribution list, visit <http://www.hcmarketplace.com/prod-6935-EE73559A.html>. HCPPro's MDS 3.0 Update is a free bi-weekly e-newsletter that provides MDS coordinators and skilled nursing facility staff members with up-to-date information about the MDS 3.0.

DisabilityInfo.gov is an award winning federal government website designed to provide people with disabilities access to the information they need quickly and easily. The site links to disability-related programs and services from numerous government agencies and is designed as a one-stop website where people with disabilities can easily find the resources they need. The site connects users to information and resources on a wide range of disability related topics, such as: benefits, civil rights, community life, education, employment, health, housing, technology and transportation. The site includes a state and local resources map, which makes it easy to locate disability-related information in specific areas. For more information, visit: [www.disabilityinfo.gov](http://www.disabilityinfo.gov).

A new fact sheet on age-related vision loss is available from the Family Caregiver Alliance, [http://caregiver.org/caregiver/jsp/content\\_node.jsp?nodeid=2222](http://caregiver.org/caregiver/jsp/content_node.jsp?nodeid=2222)

**Concept Healthcare is approved by the following agencies to provide continuing education credits:**

Concept Healthcare is approved by the **American Psychological Association (APA)** to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. Concept Healthcare maintains responsibility for this program and its content.

Concept Healthcare is a provider approved by the **California Board of Registered Nursing**, Provider No. 15052. (States that accept nursing CE credits from CA BRN-approved providers include AL, AK, IA, KS, KY, MA, MI, NE, NV, OH, OR, TX-Type 1, UT, WY).

The **National Association of Boards of Examiners of Long Term Care Administrators** has approved this program. See Participant Guide for the NCERS Course Approval number. This course has been reviewed and approved by the NAB, NCERS, Course # 2412008-26746-1. NCERS strives to approve only quality programs whose content can reasonably contribute to the professional development of long term care administrators. If you have any confidential comments concerning this program which you would like to make to NCERS administration, please direct them by phone or email to NAB, 202-712-9040, [nab@bostrum.com](mailto:nab@bostrum.com).

Concept Healthcare is an approved provider of the **California Board of Behavior Sciences** (Approval # PCE 4238). Courses meet the qualifications for CE credit for MFTs and/or LCSWs as required by the CA BBS.

Concept Healthcare is approved by the **Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners** (Provider # 5179). Consumer Complaint Hotline 800-942-5540.

Concept Healthcare is approved by the **Florida Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapists and Mental Health Counseling** (CE Provider # 50-9732 Exp. 03/31/2009).

Concept Healthcare is a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) Continuing Education (CE) Provider, Nurse Aide Certification (NAC) #6728, approved by the **California Department of Public Health, Aide and Technician Certification Section**. This approved NAC number applies only to CNA/CHHA's in the State of California.

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