Message From the ACHP Program Manager: Thank You to Conference Attendees

Dear Providers,

Thank you to all the providers who attended the Adult Care Home Conference last month. It was energizing to reconnect with everyone in person. I really appreciate those providers who arranged for their residents to visit OMSI.

I also want to thank the many vendors who signed up to have a table at the conference. Their presence added a lot of value to this event. In particular, Music We Remember's musicians performed during breaks between sessions and during lunch. Many vendors also held their own raffles, which was really fun to be a part of.

Thanks to Synkwise for both presenting on "Managing Compliance of Your Home on a Digital Healthcare Platform" and donating amazing prizes for the raffle. If you want to use a digital healthcare platform, be sure to turn to page two to learn more about how to request an exception for that.

We couldn't have provided such a nice lunch or snacks without our sponsors. If you attended the event, be sure to visit the event webpage to view the photo gallery. More info on this and the sponsors can be found on page two.

Steven Esser

Program Manager

Upcoming MCAR Listening Sessions

Provide feedback to help shape the Multnomah County Administrative Rules (MCAR). Although the ACHP must meet or exceed the state's rules, there is still room to improve the MCAR.

This is an opportunity to suggest changes, additions, subtractions and clarifications to the current MCAR.

Space is limited for these in-person events. Please sign up for only one session so others have the opportunity to attend. A link to register will be emailed later this month.

MCAR Listening Sessions Details

Wednesday, November 15
9 a.m. – noon

Monday, December 4
1 – 4 p.m.

Cost: Free

Location: Sharron Kelly Room 600 NE 8th St., Gresham, OR 97030

The ACHP has been in the process of reviewing and planning MCAR updates since 2020.

A committee of adult care home providers met monthly over a seven month period, June 2020 through January 2021, to develop rule language suggestions. Since then work has continued internally on this project.

The last update to the MCARs went into effect in 2017.

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Want to Use Digital Software to Manage Care Home Records?

Synkwise presented on "Managing Compliance of Your Home on a Digital Healthcare Platform" at the Adult Care Home Conference. Other companies provide similar digital solutions to the challenge of managing electronic records.

These platforms may improve your record keeping and help keep your care home in compliance.

Before any digital software is used, an agreement and exception need to be approved by the ACHP.

You should:

- Find the Exception Request General form at **Exception Requests**, multco.us/adult-care-home-information/exception-requests. Submit the request to your licenser.
- Submit a statement or copy of the software company terms and agreement for review and approval before using the service.
- ACHP will review the exception and software company terms, and will then send you an Electronic Record Keeping Agreement for final approval.
- Submit the completed ACHP agreement form.

Currently approved companies are:

- Therap
- QuickMAR/PointClickCare
- Synkwise

If you are interested in using a different company, the ACHP will need their contact information. The ACHP will research the company before permitting use.

Remember, if you want to use healthcare software, all staff will need to be trained on how to use it.

Find Photo Gallery and Presentation Links for the Adult Care Home Conference

Find a photo gallery of pictures from the conference, as well as links to many of the presentations, at **Adult Care Home Conference**, multco.us/adult-care-home-information/adult-care-home-conference.

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Training and Support

Most sessions offered via webinar.
To register call 503-988-3000 or email
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Specify the training name and date.

In-Person Provider Meeting
Topic: "Hospice 101: Understanding Hospice Care in your Adult Care Home"
Presented by Housecall Providers
Date: Wednesday, October 25
Time: 1 – 4 p.m.
Cost: $30 (3 CEUs)
Location: Sharron Kelly Room 600 NE 8th St., Gresham, OR 97030

Orientation Required for operator, resident manager and shift manager applicants.
Date: Wednesday, November 1
Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. (Sign-on 8:50 a.m.)
Cost: $55

First year required trainings for operators, resident managers and shift managers:

Record Keeping Part B, Medication Mgmt
Dates: Thursday, Oct. 12 and Friday, Oct. 20
Time: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Sign-on 8:50 a.m.)
Cost: $30

Emergency Preparedness Planning
Date: Tuesday, October 17
Time: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Sign-on 8:50 a.m.)
Cost: $30

Honoring Diversity
Date: Thursday, November 9
Time: 9 a.m. – noon (Sign-on 8:50 a.m.)
Cost: $30

Record Keeping Part A, Screening and Care Planning
Required for APD and MHA operators, resident managers and shift managers.
Date: Tuesday, November 14
Time: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. (Sign-on 8:50 a.m.)
Cost: $30

Celebrate Harvest Time or Halloween

The leaves are turning orange and red, and the air is getting crisp. In the Pacific Northwest, as in other parts of the world, this is a festive time of year to celebrate harvest, Halloween and Day of the Dead.

Although you may not celebrate Halloween, many of your residents grew up with fun Halloween traditions. Get into the festive spirit of harvest time with decorations of cornstalks and pumpkins. Residents may enjoy handing out candy to trick-or-treaters, or watching a favorite Halloween movie.

It's time to prepare delicious autumnal foods made with squash, pumpkin, apples and pears, or make chocolate chip pumpkin cookies or a warm pumpkin spice drink. However you celebrate, this can be a tasty time of year!

To find autumn events, choose "cultural celebrations" at **Library Events and Classes**, multcolib.org/events.

Get Four Free COVID-19 Tests This Fall

Every U.S. household may place an order to receive four free COVID-19 rapid tests delivered directly to your home.

Visit **Free At-Home COVID-19 Tests**, **covid.gov/tests** and click "Order Free At-Home Tests."

Don't forget that it's time for your flu shot, and COVID-19 boosters are available again in some locations.

COVID-19 Information for Providers: multco.us/adult-care-home-information/covid-19-information-adult-care-home-providers

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