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Good morning!

Winter seems to have come in like a lion...at least in northwest Iowa. We woke up to 2 inches of snow, and it just kind of kept snowing for the first couple days of March! Although we were thankful that it was warm enough so it didn't stick during the day. A couple of weeks ago, Orange City got 9 inches of snow. That sounds bad, but one map showed us getting 23", and other maps were in the 14" range, so we were all saying, "Whew! We only got 9 inches of snow!"

We missed the bad storms you all got Tuesday though. I don't know if we have anyone from Seymour, but I hope everyone is alright.

Are you ready for our meeting? Just a reminder, that in support of the 2-day Regional Meeting, we will have a 1-day meeting this time, and a two day in the fall. The vendor show this year will be in the fall. Check out the agenda attached!

Iowa ANFP Meeting

- April 28, 2017
- **Location:** Altoona, IA
- **Address:** 1 Prairie Meadows Dr

Prairie Meadows Convention Center

"BE THE CHANGE" is our theme for our Spring 2017 conference! SO CDMs let's take this to heart and volunteer to be on our Iowa ANFP board! We are in search of candidates for President Elect, and Treasurer! Help us continue to grow our strong state chapter and help lead fellow CDM's in education and networking! Just send an email back to me expressing your desire to serve and I will connect you to one of the board members to contact you and share what fun it is to lead! Remember that benefits include free trip to nationals for the president elect and president every year, and every other year for the treasurer or secretary!

Have you registered for the regional meeting March 9-10 in Minneapolis yet? It's coming up fast! Two days of great meetings and a vendor show. Check it out!

Also, check out the brochure for the Dietitians up-coming meeting.

You probably received an e-mail from ANFP regarding the Benchmarking program, which you get a free CE for participating in. It's going to take you a little thinking to complete it, but the

information when you get done will be invaluable! The more people we can get to take it, the more information we will have to compare. Let's have a good showing from Iowa!

Registration to participate in this program is **FREE**.
More than 300 of your colleagues have already registered to participate.

Topics covered in the program include facility demographics, personnel information, key financial statistics, foodservice operations, nutrition information, and food safety and sanitation practices.

After entering data, users can run reports comparing themselves to all participants in the program or filter to their preference in the skilled nursing facility arena

Here's something from the Iowa Hospital Association that I think affects all of us. I did this letter thing. It was really easy, and it didn't take me more than a few minutes. I would like to encourage you to read and take part in this as well!

CALL TO ACTION

Medicaid funding in jeopardy: Please contact your Members of Congress

The future of Iowa's Medicaid funding for skilled nursing care faces its greatest threat in years. Congress is considering reforms that would further challenge our ability to provide quality care to Iowa's poorest elderly living in skilled nursing facilities. The proposed reforms could dramatically reduce funding to the states and eliminate supplemental funding mechanisms.

The current reform proposals - part of the Affordable Care Act repeal and replace - include Medicaid block grants or per capita caps. These, in part, eliminate the open-ended nature of the Medicaid program and instead provide states with a set amount of money each year. One proposal that passed the House last year, but stalled in the Senate would have eventually provided 30 percent less funding to states. We all know that we cannot take any more cuts, let alone one of such magnitude.

IHCA is asking every IHCA member to reach out to U.S. Senators Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst and their U.S. House Representative on this issue. As a provider of care and services to low-income Iowans, you know how important Medicaid is when caring of Iowa's oldest and most frail individuals.

We need you to weigh in with your elected officials in Congress on the vast importance of this program to our efforts to provide quality care, with quality staff and resources, for the elderly Iowans we serve. AHCA has also asked members across the country to reach out: [AHCA/NCAL Begins Nationwide Medicaid Advocacy Effort](#).

The best way to get your message to your Members of Congress is to participate in AHCA's Care Advocacy Center's campaign. **From the [Preserve Medicaid campaign page](#), you can enter your ZIP code and send a message directly to your Members of Congress.** Feel free

to personalize your message as much as possible with examples of how cuts to Medicaid would adversely affect your staff, residents, families served and local community.

If you have any questions, contact [Bill Nutty](#), IHCA VP Government & Regulatory Affairs at 800.422.3106.

Just in case it doesn't work from here, the address is below: just copy and paste into your browser.

<https://cqrcengage.com/ahca/app/onestep-write-a-letter?0&engagementId=294913>

SO... know someone looking for a job as a CDM? Here's a few in-state for you to look at.

Sioux Center Health System has been looking for a while, and I think they are getting kind of desperate! It's a great area to live in (lots of really good CDM's already in the area, right Rhonda and Pam?), and they are looking at re-modeling the care center, and re-working positions, so you could try your way.

Then this one from Cresco, Iowa...

My name is Orson Bauder I am the administrator of Country Winds Manor in Cresco Iowa and we lost our dietary manager. Country Winds Manor is a small home and assisted living specifically created for clients that have Alzheimer's and dementia. Patty Elwood Care Center is a 24 bed nursing facility and the Donald Lundak Center is a 12 bed assisted living. We are seeking a Certified Dietary Manager or a Food Service Supervisor willing to become a CDM. We are willing to pay for the education. We have a small close happy staff with a good kitchen that is large for the size of our home. We offer good wages and benefits. Please send resume and wage requirements to Orson Bauder Administrator at obauder@hawkeyecare.com or Country Winds Manor 21668 80th Street Cresco Iowa 52136.

And this one from Panora Specialty Care...

Put your chef talents to work for an always appreciative crowd. Looking for someone with strong organizational and leadership skills. Offering competitive wage, insurance (health, vision, dental), vacation awarded at 6 months, anniversary bonus pay, employee referral bonus.

Apply at careinitiatives.org/careers

Whew! I think that's enough for now.

Happy Spring!

Sharon