

# HealthCap 2008 Photo Contest

HealthCap is excited to announce a contest for photos to be included in our 2008 Annual Report.

We will be offering cash prizes for photos that we select. To enter, go to:

<http://www.healthcapusa.com/photocontest/EntryForm.aspx>

Fill out the entry form and upload your photo(s).



## Prizes by Category

### Residents and Families

- \* First Place: \$1000
- \* Second Place: \$500
- \* Third Place: \$250

### Building and Grounds

- \* First Place: \$1000
- \* Second Place: \$500
- \* Third Place: \$250

### Employees and Caregivers

- \* First Place: \$1000
- \* Second Place: \$500
- \* Third Place: \$250



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## HealthCap RMS Earns National Accreditation As a Provider of Nursing Continuing Education

The American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC)\* has recognized the quality continuing nursing education we provide by nationally accrediting us as a Provider of continuing nursing education. This is an important nursing accreditation that advances the nursing profession.

ANCC's accrediting process is intended to strengthen and sustain the quality and integrity of continuing nursing education. Accreditation is a voluntary process. HealthCap RMS chose to apply for accredited status at ANCC and agrees to abide by the standards of ANCC and take responsibility for our own continuous improvement.

Our ANCC national accreditation status means:

**Promotion of our commitment to high quality nursing practice**  
**Industry respect for achieving a high standard of excellence**  
**Indication of HealthCap RMS's willingness to have our educational programs reviewed for adherence to rigorous national standards**  
**Recognition by state licensing boards**

In short, ANCC accreditation means that our continuing nursing education offerings have been recognized as high quality and worthy of public confidence! But remember, earning ANCC national accreditation doesn't change who we are. It's an honor that reaffirms the hard work and dedication of our entire staff and reinforces the core values by which we all do our jobs every day.

*\*ANCC is the largest and most prominent nurse credentialing organization in the United States.*



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**What ANCC Accreditation Means for You (HealthCap Members Only)**

**Top Quality Risk Management**

HealthCap voluntarily sought accreditation by the ANCC's Commission on Accreditation to be a provider of continuing education for licensed nurses. Our educational programs will continuously be reviewed by experts in continuing nursing education to ensure that we comply with current educational and nursing standards.

**Continuing Education Credits**

In most states nurses are to complete a specific number of continuing education credits per licensure period and now HealthCap can assist in meeting this requirement. As a member of the HealthCap family your risk manager will offer in-services for your caregivers during the annual or semi-annual visit. The educational sessions are generally one hour in length, include a written post test for your records and each attendee receives a certificate of completion.

HealthCap will continue to provide each member facility two free registrations to be used at a seminar in your area. The regional seminars will provide:

- Licensed nurses with continuing education credits approved through ANCC (American Nurses Credentialing Center)
- Nursing Home Administrator continuing education credits approved through NAB (National Administrator Board).

We look forward to working with you and encourage you to take advantage of these educational opportunities throughout the year.

**HealthCap RMS Seminar Updates**

**2009 Seminar:**

**“Investigations, Assessments, Medicare Never Events...Potential Risks”**

**Schedule to be determined.**

Federal and state regulations require that accidents and incidents be thoroughly investigated to eliminate the possibility of abuse/neglect. The investigation process should be considered protected under the Quality Improvement/Assurance program. Many facilities inadvertently waive this protection as they are unaware of the steps required to guarantee privilege. This session will walk through the investigation of an incident from beginning to end and identify where issues are commonly identified in the process.

Medicare “never events” are being proposed to expand the quality program for hospital inpatient service in fiscal year 2009. The process of assessment and accurate documentation are critical in preventing regulatory citations and litigation however in the near future may be even more important to reimbursement. If you have ever responded to a Medicare denial letter you may understand how inadequate documentation can affect reimbursement. In the future, however, a lack of supporting documentation may result in no reimbursement for a resident’s entire stay! So before you sigh with relief that the proposed changes do not affect the long-term care industry, attend this session.

**ANCC Approved In-Service Topics:**

**DOCUMENTATION**

- The Ins and Outs of Documentation
- Legal Documentation
- Medical Records
- Documentation for Assisted Living
- Preventing Claims
- Common Documentation Mistakes
- Best Risk Management Practices
- Quality Outcomes and Documentation
- Loss Prevention Awareness
- Care Plans 101
- Risk Management and Regulations
- Documentation on Identified Risks
- Fundamentals - Risk Management 101

**INCIDENTS AND ACCIDENTS**

- Fall Reduction
- Fall & Elopement Assessment - ALF
- Prevention of Falls
- Incident & Accident Reports
- Compliance With F323 - Environment

**WOUND, SKIN AND NUTRITION**

- Pressure Sores - Nursing Assistants
- Skin Management - Extrinsic Factors
- Nutritional Support for Healthy Skin
- Wound Management- F314
- The Big Picture - Healthy Skin
- Nutrition, Hydration, and Dementia
- Nutrition Therapy - Pressure Sore Treatment

**SIDE RAILS/ASSIST DEVICES**

- Families & Friends - Dangers of Side Rails
- Direct Care Staff - Risks & Benefits

**ELOPEMENT**

- Elopement Prevention
- Elopement - Assisted Living

**MEDICATION MANAGEMENT**

- Diabetes: FAQs
- Unnecessary Medications F425
- Medication Administration - ALF

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

- Quality Assurance F520
- Resident Rights and Abuse Prevention
- Customer Services, Managing Risk
- Risks and Benefits of Senior Living
- Disaster Preparedness
- Disasters, Pandemic and You
- Risk Management - The Big Picture

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

- Avoiding Environmental Citations
- Environmental Risks



**→ DON'T FORGET!**

*24-Hour Sentinel Occurrence Support Hotline  
1-877-473-7773*