

HHQI National Campaign Tips of the Week – June 2007

Week of 6/06/07

This month's HHQI Agency of the Month is **Florida Hospital Home Care Services, Orlando, FL**. The home page at www.homehealthquality.org features this agency. Congratulations to these three agencies!

"Florida Hospital Home Care Services is very excited to be part of the home health quality initiative campaign. Our goal is to change the culture of learning for our clinicians. With the help of your campaign, we are positive that we will attain our goals." - Debra Alstott, Performance Improvement Analyst

Week of 6/12/07

Is your agency getting the most from the HHQI Campaign Reports?

Reason for Hospitalizations (Percentage of Hospital Admissions by Reason for Hospitalization from MO895)

Question:

What is the value of the report on Reason for Hospitalization?

Answer:

Helps identify agency-specific patient population at high risk for hospitalization
Implement best practices that address high percentages of reason for hospitalization
If large percentage is "Other," question accuracy of information collected. Take the opportunity to trend what "other" includes; is there an unidentified high-risk patient population?

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The Best Practice Intervention Package, Phone Monitoring and Frontloading Visits, is available at www.homehealthquality.org.

Have you:

- Completed an agency self-assessment of your current processes?
- Established patient selection criteria for phone monitoring?
- Distributed the "Guides to Practical Application" to Nurses, Therapy, Social Workers and Aides?
- Posted the Phone Monitoring & Frontloading Visits Poster?

Week of 6/25/07

National Teleconference Audio Available

The 70-minute audio recording of the HHQI National Campaign “Strategies for Success” teleconference is now available. If you missed this live event, go to www.homehealthquality.org to hear home health agencies and a physician give practical application scenarios for using the campaign data and interventions. Home health leaders share how the national campaign is our opportunity “to shine” as we work toward the united vision of reducing avoidable hospitalizations.

