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## Home Care Association of Colorado Management Report

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### Urgent Billing News for Cahaba GBA Providers

Effective November 27, 2006, all Cahaba GBA, LLC providers who bill to the Des Moines, Iowa office will be transitioned to the new Enterprise Data Centers (EDCs). One of the requirements for this transition is to establish new security Logon-IDs for each person accessing the Fiscal Intermediary Standard System (FISS) and the eligibility systems, ELGA/ELGH. This means that each employee, who currently has access to FISS and/or ELGA/ELGH, will need their own, unique Logon-ID and password.

To set up the new security, you must complete the EDC Security Request Form [available here](#) and return it to Cahaba GBA, LLC by October 31, 2006. Failure to return this completed form timely will result in your inability to log into FISS and ELGA/ELGH, which will impact your submission of Direct Data Entry (DDE) claims, checking the status of claims, correcting claims and viewing eligibility information. If you have questions, please call Cahaba GBA, LLC's EDI Department at 866-839-2441.



### Quick Links...

- [Save the Date for HCAC's Annual Convention: May 10-11, 2007](#)
- [Read About HCAC's New Data Report Service](#)
- [Rep. Buescher Named "Friend of Home Care"](#)
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### Relationships with Hospital Discharge Planners: Audio-Conference on November 16th

**Presented by Elizabeth Hogue, Esq.**

**Thursday, November 16, 2006**

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mountain Time

Hospitals remain important sources of referrals for home health, private duty home care, hospice and HME referrals.

[Make Presentation at State Legislative Interim Heath Care Task Force](#)

- [Colorado's Senators Wayne Allard and Ken Salazar Sign Letter](#)
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But as the competition for referrals heats up, relationships with discharge planners and hospitals may become contentious. In addition, some hospital discharge planners are not prepared to perform activities related to discharge planning for home health and other post-acute services. Providers, therefore, do not always receive the information they need thereby increasing risks for discharge planners and their employers as well as post-acute providers.

Gather your staff and join Elizabeth Hogue, Esq., Health Care Attorney & Consultant from Burtonsville, MD for this valuable 90-minute lunch and learn session.

[Click Here for Details and to Register](#)

## Home Health Agencies Paid \$50 to Complete Homebound Survey

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### Message from Mathematica on Home Health

**Independence Demonstration:** Over the years, Congress has tried to address the difficult issues surrounding the requirement that Medicare beneficiaries be "homebound" in order to receive home health services. The Home Health Independence demonstration, which is just finishing, was designed to provide answers about this issue. As you may be aware, few beneficiaries participated in the demonstration and Congress now needs some other information before it can move forward on this important topic. The only source of that information is you. Mathematica has sent surveys to 50 agencies in Colorado. Agencies are encouraged to complete the survey (you will be paid \$50 for your efforts). The survey information will only be used for a report to Congress on the homebound issue; it will not be used for any other purposes.

## "Medicare & You 2007" Handbook Now Available

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The "Medicare & You 2007" handbook is now available in [English](http://www.medicare.gov/publications/pubs/pdf/10050.pdf) at <http://www.medicare.gov/publications/pubs/pdf/10050.pdf> (PDF, 614 KB) and [Spanish](http://www.medicare.gov/publications/pubs/pdf/10050_S.pdf) at [http://www.medicare.gov/publications/pubs/pdf/10050\\_S.pdf](http://www.medicare.gov/publications/pubs/pdf/10050_S.pdf) (PDF, 597 KB) to help people with Medicare review their coverage options and prepare to enroll in a new plan if they choose. This official government handbook contains important information about what's new, health plans, prescription drug plans, and rights for people with Medicare. You can find [48 geographic-specific versions](#) of the handbook on the website, with drug and health plan comparison charts for particular states or regions. These are the versions that will be mailed to Medicare beneficiaries in the next few weeks.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is encouraging Medicare beneficiaries to review their current coverage this fall to see if it will meet their needs in 2007. Now is the time

to help people think about the cost, coverage, and customer service that they need in a plan to get the most out of their Medicare.

### **Pandemic Flu Web Site Posted!**

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The government's Pandemic Flu web site now provides local planning information by state.

<http://www.pandemicflu.gov/usamap.html>.

Titled "Where You Live," it is a multi-colored map of the United States. Under the map is this explanation: "Selecting this map will take you to a page with links to state pandemic planning information, state pandemic Web site information, and local state contacts."

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