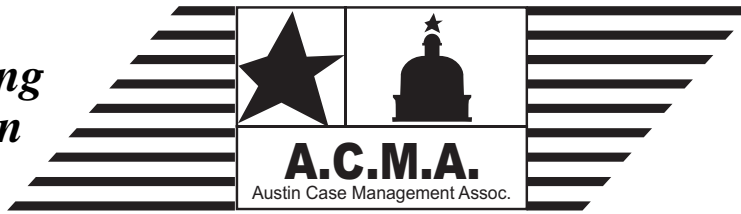


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July 2003

**Enhancing professional skills and relationships for Austin-area
Nursing Professionals, Social Workers, CCMs, CRCs, CDMs and Home Health Administrators**

Join us for our monthly meeting July 8 ★ 11:15 a.m. ★ North Austin Medical Center

This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2003, at the North Austin Medical Center (in the Auditorium on the 2nd floor). The North Austin Medical Center is located at 12221 N. Mopac Expressway.

We will enjoy a lunch catered by Cafe Java, a favorite North Austin neighborhood deli, from approximately 11:15 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. and then begin the business portion of our meeting at 11:45 a.m..

You can now **RSVP** at our web site, www.austin-cma.org. Click on "RSVP," complete the information, and you are done.

If you do not have internet access, please call the RSVP phone line at 860-8184 and leave a short message with your name, contact information and the number of people attending.

This month's meeting is sponsored by **StarCare Home Health**. StarCare is a comprehensive home care team serving the Greater Austin area since 1996 with expertise in all aspects of med-surg as well as psychiatric services. StarCare is also a not-for-profit, Medicare licensed, and certified JCAHO accredited skilled nursing agency.

Come hear a "not-so-boring" and perhaps useful presentation on HIPAA compliance by one of StarCare's senior management team members, **Larry Leahy, MA, MHA and CHCE**.

This presentation offers attendees a non-regulatory compliance approach to HIPAA that is focused on the benefits of HIPAA to healthcare, patients and providers. Attendees will be provided specific tools to use HIPAA as a means to improve patient satisfaction, improve quality, reduce costs and improve operational cash flow.

Larry has over 29 years of health care management experience in the private and academic arenas. He has served on numerous national health care boards including the National Hospice Organization and the National Association for Home Care.

CEUs approved for social workers, nurses and case managers.



The ACMA WEBSITE is now LIVE!

Please visit us at www.austin-cma.org and RSVP online TODAY!

Those who requested the newsletter via e-mail will receive this the July issue both as hard copy and an e-mail; future issues will be sent out via e-mail only. All other members will continue to receive the newsletter via mail.

If you would like to change from a hard copy to an e-mail reminder version, please notify the membership committee by email (membership@austin-cma.org). The newsletter may also be printed directly from our website.

We are excited to have this tool at your fingertips! Please let us know if you have any comments or suggestions.

Conference Update

We are on target with the **October Annual Conference**. It will be held October the 9th at the “Norris Conference Center” at Northcross Mall. It will be a one-day event with delicious food, great networking opportunities and wonderful speakers. We are now accepting Vendor Booth reservations. The booths are available for \$150. The Vendor brochures will be mailed out soon, but if you cannot wait contact Lee Bowman by phone 836-1234 or by email leebowman911@hotmail.com to reserve a booth. They do go fast. ACMA has already secured this year’s sponsors: **Austin Home Health, Robinson Creek Hospice, HomeCare Supply, & A-Med Home Health**. Thank You. We look forward to putting on another great conference.

The NEXT conference meeting will be held immediately after the July 8th meeting.

Membership

There’s still time to join ACMA. Stop by the membership desk and fill out an application. You will receive the monthly newsletter with those early announcements and be entered into the fall membership roster.

Newsletter information

If you have entries or suggestions for the newsletter please call **Lee Bowman** at 836-1234 or contact her by e-mail at newsletter@austin-cma.org. Send entries no later than the 20th of the month.

Announcements

St. David’s Medical Center opened its door to out patient pediatric services at the Hancock center location. Services include PT, OT, and ST. For more information call 451-7258.

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