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Webinars



Upcoming Webinar

Capture your Maximum Reimbursement with the IPA Assessment

Session Date: Wednesday, February 12th
(1:00pm-2:00pm CST)

Sign-Up Today- Space is limited!

SIGN UP

ECS Updates/ Industry News

Has American Data's Financial Department Completed Your Therapy Billing Changes for 2020?

If not, you MUST do so before billing any January dates.

Please view the document below and contact our financial department.

As part of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, Congress has directed CMS to establish a payment differential for services provided in whole or in part by Physical Therapy Assistants (PTA) and Occupational Therapy Assistants (OTA) on/after January 1, 2022. In preparation for this, CMS has mandated the use of **new Modifier Codes (CQ for PT and CO for OT)** that must be applied for services provided by the therapy assistants for dates of service on and after **January 1, 2020**.

For full details, please click the "view document" button to download the *Therapy Changes for 2020 PDF*.

To complete these changes, contact our financial department and send us an email at financial@american-data.com or call **1-800-464-9942**.

[VIEW DOCUMENT](#)

Become an American Data Financial Client

A integrated billing system to fit your facility.

Billing in ECS relies on direct integration with the clinical record. The alliance between departments is even more important in a PDPM world. Integration with billing includes links to Face Sheet, Diagnosis, Therapy, and Nurse Charting, as well as the MDS. Due to the flexible nature of ECS, this integration can be based on your own workflow and reporting needs. Additionally, use of ECS leads to improved reimbursement rates by linking nursing, CNA charting, and therapy documentation to the MDS to ensure every detail is captured. Integration between the clinical information and the MDS means a more streamlined and efficient billing process. Data is pulled directly from the clinical record to the UB04 reducing the time spent creating, batching, and sending claims, which allows for receiving claim reimbursements quickly.

Contact our Financial Department at **1-800-464-9942** or click the link below to send an email to our financial department get your ECS Billing System set up today.

Upcoming Conventions - Join Us!

LeadingAge Minnesota

Booth #434

Where: RiverCentre in St. Paul, MN

When: February 5th & 6th

Join Us February 5th & 6th at the RiverCentre in St. Paul as we discuss and celebrate what it means to be *Better Together*. Respond to our facebook event if we will see you there!

Wisconsin DON Council Long Term & Post Acute Care Nursing Symposium

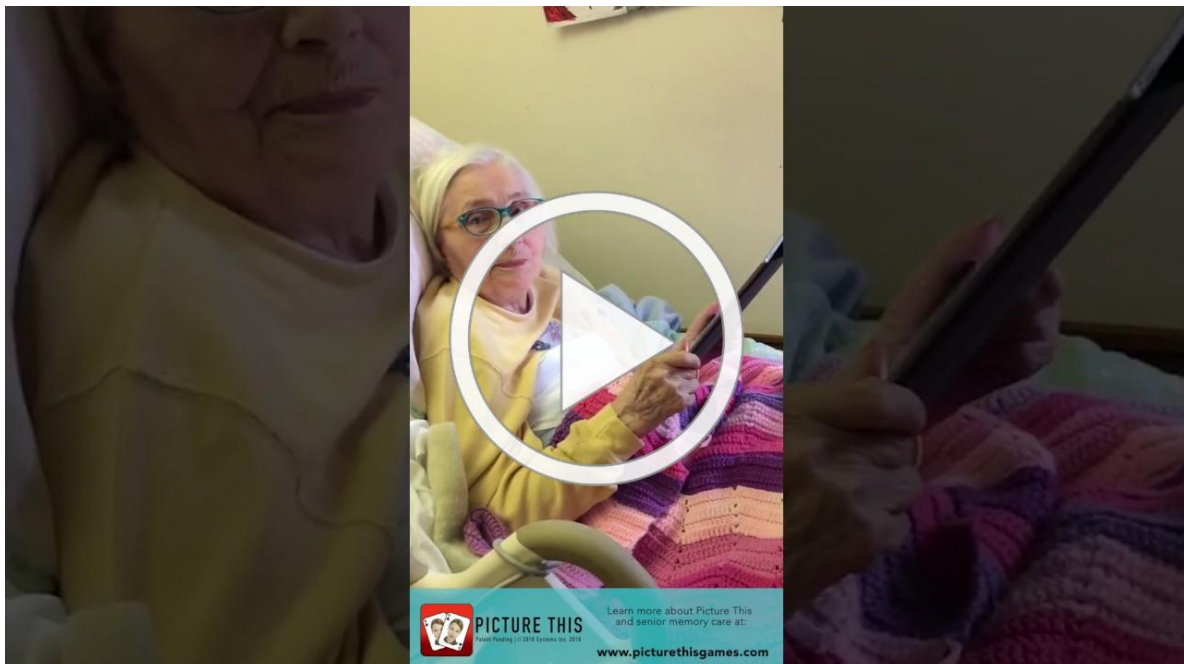
Booth #203

Where: Kahlahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells

When: February 25th

Join Us February 25th at the Kahlahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells. Respond to our Facebook event if we will see you there!

You & Your Residents



Remembering Caroline Ederer- 1923-2020

Caroline Ederer, the mother of American Data's founder, John Ederer, NHA past away last month at the young age of 97 at the Maplewood nursing home in Sauk City, Wisconsin. John was the administrator of Maplewood for nine years prior to starting American Data and ECS in 1984. His mother loved playing **Picture This** with John and now he promotes the app as a way to help families and residents enjoy their visits and, in the process, help residents exercise their minds with this memory game.

To see for yourself, visit the website below to read our blog post on Seniors, Memory Care, and the benefits of Picture This.

[GET MORE INFO](#)

February's Featured Facility!



Whispering Creek

Location: Janesville, MN

AD Client Since: 2012

"Whispering Creek is honored to be featured in your American Data/ECS Newsletter. We pride ourselves on building a strong community of caring for our residents. Our care givers are able to spend their time focused on the residents because the medical record is efficient and easy to use. 'The best feature about working with ECS is the ability to pull out data and build the customized reports you want to see', said Pete Madel III the Whispering Creek Administrator. In May 2019 we were awarded a Bronze Commitment to Quality award from the American Health Care Association. With the data we've been able to track and pull from our ECS we've been able to improve care and outcomes for our residents."

Thanks for being a part of the American Data community, Whispering Creek!

Deficiency-Free Survey Awards



Congratulations to Harbor Haven!

Thanks for providing the highest level of care in your facility!

Did your facility receive a Survey? Let us know!

Please let us know of your facility's Deficiency-Free Survey and/or Most Improved Survey so we can share your successes! Send us an email to cares@american-data.com.

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