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New evidence indicates playing memory games with seniors helps impede memory loss.

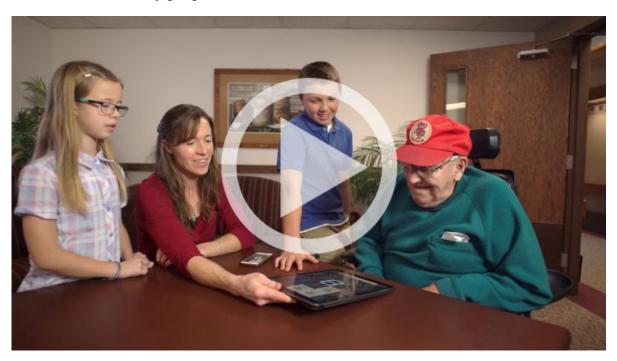## Maplewood of Sauk Prairie is a case study of the possibilities.

An ECS client of American Data is trying a new program in their facility based on the evidence in recent studies that playing memory games with seniors helps to impede the loss of memory.

Certainly, if exercising muscles is a good thing for the bodies of seniors, then it would follow that exercise for the brain would be good for the mind. Additional evidence shows that structured activities like trivia games and puzzles have had a positive effect on decreasing agitated behaviors in seniors with dementia.

An article in McKnights magazine discussed the benefits of fun and memory games: https://www.mcknightsseniorliving.com/home/print-issue-content/game-theory/

A new card/picture matching game in use at the facility is free to everyone, allowing anyone in the facility or family across the country to engage with nursing home residents through the program and make visiting more enjoyable for everyone.

Watch their promotional piece below, that was done at the facility to best acquaint yourself with what they have done. Share it with your family and staff. The app is for anyone and everyone and FREE to download from the App Store or Google Play. The laptop version and TV display for group activities is free to use by going to the website. **www.PictureThisGames.com**.

American Data has been busy preparing for the upcoming transition to PDPM as of October 1, 2019. In our recent update, you will find tools that will help in your facility's transition. You will have the ability to calculate HIPPS Codes along with your RUG scores and analyze the financial impact of these HIPPS Codes by utilizing our PDPM Analyzer. You don't have to be using our Accounts Receivable module to take advantage of these tools. If you were not able to join us, watch our April webinar and download the supporting documentation, which is posted on our website, for all the information.

For more information on PDPM, visit the CMS Patient Driven Payment Model website: https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/SNFPPS/PDPM.html

Supporting Documentation for PDPM

There are a number of new MDS items going into effect on October 1st that American Data has developed documentation areas for. Supporting documentation language is available for sections J and GG by request, and will be supplied via a "transfer-in" process. There is no charge for the basic service, which includes populating the new words into the appropriate existing topic(s), linking them to the MDS, and arranging them in logical order and appearance. Any additional integration or customization requested by the facility will be billed at our usual rates. Contact the ECS Clinical Support department to request more information or to schedule your PDPM documentation update.

PDPM & ECS Convention

To see all the latest PDPM capabilities and prepare your staff for the upcoming PDPM transition, join us in Wisconsin Dells on July 17 & 18 as we host the PDPM & ECS Convention. Under PDPM, using the proper verbiage and coding has never been more critical. ECS's unique and flexible design, that incorporates canned phrases in charting screens, puts ECS in a class of its own. Attend this convention to learn how to use the power of ECS to maximize your reimbursement. Plus, see some of the new features we have programmed to include new reporting tools, the MDS Manager, and MDS Statistics to name a few.

Convention Agenda

Wednesday, July 17th

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Registration / Breakfast
9:00 am - 10:00 am	MDS Review
10:15 am - 11:15 am	ICD-10 Coding

11:30 am - 12:30 pm	PDPM Analyzer / PDPM Predictor
12:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch
1:45 pm - 2:45 pm	Requirements of Participation - Phase 3
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	MDS Manager
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Social Hour
5:00 pm	Dinner

Thursday, July 18th

7:00 am - 8:00 am	Registration / Breakfast
8:00 am - 9:00 am	New Features
9:15 am - 10:15 am	ECS / PDPM Update Transition
10:30 am - 11:30 am	MDS Statistics
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Lunch
12:45 pm - 1:45 pm	Reporting Tools
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	New Nursing Module

There's still time! Register here for the ECS PDPM Convention!

Deficiency-Free Surveys!

Water's Edge	Hayward, WI	12 yrs
St.Croix Health and Rehab	New Richmond, WI	16 yrs
The Manor	Morrisville, VT	11 yrs
Portage County Health Care Center	Stevens Point, WI	19 yrs
County of Bucks - Neshaminy Manor	Warrington, PA	19 yrs
Bethany St. Joseph Care Center	La Crosse, WI	9 yrs
Four Winds Manor	Verona, WI	17 yrs

Remember to Share Your Successes with Us!
Please let us know about your deficiency-free survey and/or your
most-improved survey. We would like to share your success with others!
Email American Data at info@american-data.com.

Is Your Facility's Contact Information Current?

Do we have your current contact information?
It is important to notify American Data of changes in key staff members like the
Administrator, Director of Nursing, or ECS System Supervisors. Please email
updates to *cares@american-data.com* and we will update your account!

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