



Outstanding Health Network of 2010

On April 19, 2010, the National Cooperative of Health Networks Association (NCHN) announced Montana Health Network as the Outstanding Health Network for 2010. This award recognizes a network that has improved access to health services in its area and has improved the coordination of resources for its members. We are pleased to have been recognized for the work we have done for our members.

Risk Management Webinar

On Wednesday, June 16, the American Society for Healthcare Risk Management will be presenting "Insidious Intimidation." This webinar will address intimidating and disruptive behavior that can occur in any healthcare organization. In this Webinar, provided at a low cost during Healthcare Risk Management Week (June 14—18), two experts reveal how organizational systems actually enable insidious intimidation and tell how to recognize the threat. They share approaches to raising workplace awareness so healthcare leaders can empower all employees to stand up for change. For more information about this presentation on intimidation, contact our risk managers at riskmanager@montanahealthnetwork.com

MHN & Allegiance Co-Sponsor Health Trust Webinar

MHN & Allegiance are co-sponsoring a series of 4 free webinars to members of the MHN. The topics of the webinar include reducing claims/premium, HSA's, HRA's, wellness plans, comparing plans, plan designs, COBRA issues, and HIPAA. If you would like to get notice of these webinars or want to watch an archived version, contact Irene McCall at 406-655-7937 or imccall@montanahealthnetwork.com.

Silverchair as Online Training Provider

MHN chose Silverchair Learning Systems as its preferred online training provider, bringing MHN members effective training solutions that will help operations and reduce costs. Silverchair works with senior care leaders to improve the training process in their organizations. Silverchair offers a user friendly online training solution that improves compliance and eliminates record keeping headaches, while saving time and money. Review the website at www.silverchairlearning.com. Address questions to Chris Hopkins at (406) 234-1420 or chopkins@montanahealthnetwork.com.

New MHN Education Courses

Montana Health Network has added several new courses for the 2010 schedule which include wound care, wound care consulting, IV therapy and neonatal resuscitation. If you are interested in these courses, please contact the MHN office at (406) 234-1420 or look at www.montanahealthnetwork.com

MHN/AHEC Career Education Courses

Montana Health Network with AHEC have traveled with the patient simulator to several MT facilities to participate in healthcare career education courses. MHN has also provided these same programs to North Dakota facilities to help complete a grant they were awarded. To learn more about bringing Career Education into your community, please contact Sherry Taylor at 406-234-1420 or staylor@montanahealthnetwork.com

New 401(k) Member

Montana Health Network is pleased to announce a new member of the MHN 401(k) Plan and Trust—Sheridan Memorial Healthcare effective January 1, 2010. This Trust now has 15 members and is able to offer benefits that rural facilities cannot usually obtain on their own.

MHN Temporary Pool Recognition

In a recent addition of The Rural Monitor, the Montana Health Network is mentioned in an article about temporary staffing pools in Montana. To review the article, please visit the link: <http://www.raconline.org/newsletter/spring10/>. Go to "Around the Country" and click on [Nonprofit Networks Supply Travel Nurses to Rural Montana](#).

MDG Medical Inc. signs with MHN

MHN has signed with MDG Medical, Inc. as the preferred supplier of Medication Automation Systems. They currently contract with 120 CAH/s including Wheatland Memorial Healthcare, an MHN member. MDG's Serve RX system is an automated medication cabinet which includes modules for order entry, pharmacy review, dispensing bedside administration and an EMR all located in one closed loop system. MDG has a Regional Sales Manager, Lisa Doud, who can be reached at lisd@mdgmedical.com or Greg LeRoy, VP of Sales at Gregory.leroy@mdgmedical.com. You may also contact Chris Hopkins at chopkins@montanahealthnetwork.com for questions or view MDG's website at MDGMedical.com. MDG is available to visit your facility for a presentation and/or hospital systems analysis.

Summer Intern

Montana Health Network is pleased to introduce our summer intern, Matt Hall. Matt is a junior in the department of Industrial and Management Engineering at MSU-Bozeman. Matt's work with MHN this summer will focus on improving the safety of the work environment in MHN member facilities. This begins with identifying where safety issues exist, and will continue with site visits to further explore areas of improvement. His work will conclude at the end of the summer with a detailed summary of present issues as well as recommendations and projected impacts of changes.