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So That You Can Take Care Of Patients.
Switch Long-Term Care Pharmacies Today!**

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Get Your Ugly On!

Win a Pizza Party For Your Residents & Staff!!

Need another reason to celebrate this holiday season? Well, how about with a PIZZA PARTY from Hudson Regional Long-Term Care Pharmacy!!

How to enter: Take a picture of your staff and/or residents with their BEST ugliest Christmas sweaters. We want to see the cheesiest, most silly sweaters!

Submission deadline: Email your photos to aangerame@hrltcp.org by December 25, 2021.

Please note photos will be used in our next newsletter and on our website and social media!

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in your pharmacy care.**

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2022

HAPPY NEW YEAR

A Letter From Our CEO

As 2021 comes to an end and we look forward to 2022, one of the things I am personally most excited about is life getting back to what we considered normal and that we will really be able to say goodbye to the pandemic. Going out to restaurants, socializing with friends and family at parties, listening to live music are all on my list of things I can't wait to experience in the new year. We can make our dreams of a normal reality come to fruition through vaccination against the COVID-19 virus.

Echoing the announcement of the two new federal vaccine mandates, we wanted to again urge everyone not vaccinated to become vaccinated, especially people working in the agencies we serve. Under this new mandate, vaccinations are mandatory for companies with more than 100 people. The White House also recently announced that the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) at the Department of Health and Human Services is requiring that health care workers at facilities participating in Medicare and Medicaid also be fully vaccinated. This applies to more than 17 million workers at approximately 76,000 health care facilities, including hospitals and long-term care facilities.

The direct support professionals (DSPs) rate of vaccination in New York is 44 percent. Once the mandate comes through, these professionals who are not vaccinated are going to have to test weekly or not have a job, and this could have catastrophic consequences on the agencies. Get your vaccine now so you can get both doses by

January 5th, 2022, when the mandate goes into effect.

In other news, it has been a pleasure serving our newest agency partner, Community Resources Staten Island, as they recently made the switch to HRLTCP. Their staff has been outstanding, extremely responsive, and very quick to answer our team with any questions. They came to us wanting a change. When they looked at what we had to offer with our web portal and that the nurses were all in, it was a no-brainer for them. The communication between their team and ours is ongoing and fantastic.

As we close out this year, we look forward to continuing to support our agencies in their philanthropy and fundraising events in 2022. We are grateful to be a profitable business that can turn that around and help out our agency partners as they continue to contribute such meaningful work each day.

I'd like to close out 2021 with a mention to our HRLTCP team...I've never worked with a team as good as I have now, they are second to none. Thank you for serving our clients selflessly this year!



***Yours in Health,
Angelo Angerame***

**CEO, Hudson Regional
Long Term Care Pharmacy**



Industry News

GREAT NEWS!

New York Pharmacists will soon be able to administer immunizations

We are thrilled to announce that Senate Bill S4807A was signed by Governor Kathy Hochul on November 2, 2021. This newly approved legislation now authorizes pharmacists in New York to provide immunizations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to patients eighteen years or older. The ability of pharmacists to give out vaccines will have a tremendous impact on the population.

Currently, licensed pharmacists can administer seasonal influenza to patients 2 years of age or older, and also pneumococcal, meningococcal, herpes zoster, and tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Td or Tdap) vaccines to persons 18 years of age and older.

In 90 days once this new legislation takes effect, licensed pharmacists will be able to administer the following vaccines to people over the age of 18:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Human papillomavirus
- Measles
- Mumps
- Rubella
- Varicella

While this is great news, pharmacies are still waiting for Governor Hochul to sign the three other bills that are a part of the bipartisan Pharmacy Rescue Package. The other bills included in this package of legislation are S3762, which relates to pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) regulation, S3566, which relates to the purchase of prescription drugs, and S6603, which protects access to pharmacy services.

Staff Spotlight

Lukea has worked at Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy for three years as Receptionist and Administrative Assistant. She is the voice of Hudson Regional Long-Term Care Pharmacy when you call the main line. She helps answer questions regarding verbal refill orders, delivery tracking, and prescription status.

Fun facts about Lukea: I love to read a lot and go to Barnes and Noble.



Lukea Matthews
Receptionist &
Administrative Assistant

Flu vaccines are available at Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy

Flu season peaks between January and April so now is the time to get your flu shot. Since we're at the beginning of flu season, people who receive their flu shot now in December will be covered in the peak season.

Seasonal flu vaccines are designed to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates will be most common during the upcoming season. All flu vaccines in the United States are "quadrivalent" vaccines, which means they protect against four different flu viruses: an influenza A(H1N1) virus, an influenza A(H3N2) virus, and two influenza B viruses, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

After about two weeks from receiving the vaccination, antibodies develop in the body and begin to provide you protection against the influenza virus infection. That's why it's best to get vaccinated now to protect yourself before any spread in your community begins.

Our nurses at Hudson Regional LTC pharmacy are busy administering flu vaccines, call us at 845-341-2700 to get yours!

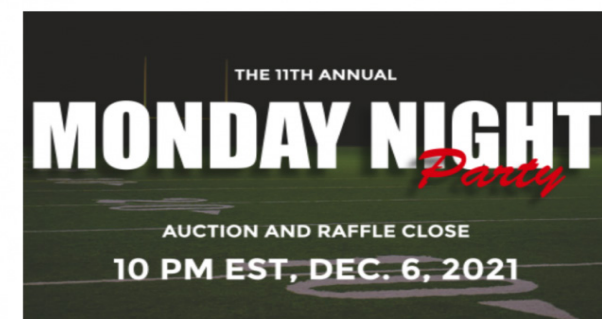


Welcome Aboard!

Congratulations to our sister pharmacy, Capital Regional Pharmacy Services in Albany, as they will be serving their first agency that works with the developmentally disabled. Schenectady ARC will be coming under their umbrella of care starting in January 2022.

Schenectady ARC is a premier provider of programs for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities and their families. This incredible organization serves more than 1,000 families every year, offering a wide range of services that support and empower individuals in each phase of their lives.

Life's Worc Auction



www.MondayNightParty.org

Life's Worc hosted their 11th Annual Monday Night Party, an online auction event, on Monday, December 6 from 5 to 10 PM. This event was hosted by NJ Jet Quinnen Williams and NY Giant Jonothan Harrison and benefits Life's WORC and the Family Center for Autism.

For over 50 years, Life's WORC has provided comprehensive services and support to people with intellectual disabilities and autism and their families in Queens, Manhattan, Nassau, and Suffolk Counties. They currently support 2,000 people with developmental disabilities and autism.



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Raving FAN

"We made a FULL switch over in just 4 weeks for 115 residents and 16 locations! This was a great achievement, hats go off to everyone at Hudson!"

George Gadalla

Director of Clinical Services at
Community Resources Staten Island



Community Resources Staten Island switches to Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy

The Challenge:

One of the main issues for switching was accuracy issues. Going from a mom-and-pop local business to a corporate system where they have the manpower and the systems behind the support was an exciting part about making the switch.

Knowing that Hudson had the systems and the ability to fix things without even having to think about it was a great feeling. I had previous experience working with Hudson while I was at another agency for 5 years. Since I knew the systems Hudson had, and the other provider's system was lacking, it was a no-brainer to make the switch!

Creative Solutions:

One of the best parts about the process of switching was the support with a smile and the willingness from all the staff at Hudson. Usually, when you're requesting something from someone, you're adding something to their plate. But we never had this feeling from anyone at Hudson.

The previous pharmacy provider didn't do a phase-out switch, they just do a complete switch so we had to make this happen in just four weeks. Without the help from Angelo, Mike, Sara, and the whole team at Hudson, I don't think it was ever something achievable. We had a few kinks but not from Hudson or our end, it was from the doctor's end. There was great communication and all pertinent information was shared from our team to the Hudson team.

Above and Beyond

What made switching easy for our agency was knowing the Hudson team, knowing the systems they use, and knowing what we can achieve. With just one click, you can check into action for any medications that a patient is on. This is not in most of the systems from other pharmacies. Before I made the decision, I had other presentations from other pharmacies in the market, and still, the best system and the best bids (and knowing Angelo) were a no-brainer.

Also, things get resolved almost right away. Now that we've made the switch, no situation takes more than five minutes to call and resolve! I just want to express my gratitude to the whole team at Hudson!



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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Merry Christmas From Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy

From our family to yours, we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas!! We are extremely grateful to be your agency's trusted long-term care pharmacy partner. Please know that our team is here to help your entire staff with all of your pharmacy needs and serve your residents.

Holiday Hours

We will be closed on Christmas (12/25) & New Years Day (1/1). If there is an emergency, our on-call pharmacist will be ready to serve you.

*Give Your Staff A Gift
This Christmas Season!*
Switch to...



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What **You Need** is Less Time with Pharmacy Care and **More Time** to Provide **Direct Patient Care**. WE CAN HELP! **Switching is as easy as...**



1 Have a Discovery Call with Us & Your Director of Nursing

Call us at: **845-341-2714**

2 Allow Us to Schedule an On-Boarding Call with Our Transition Team

3 Sit Back & Relax :)



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Rx Date _____
Patient **Dir of Nursing &**
Address **Exec. Director**

Prescription: **Hudson Regional
Long Term Pharmacy**

- **Service That Means A Smile**
- **All Deliveries Before Resident Bedtimes**
- **We Take Care Of You, So You Can Take Care of Patients**

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