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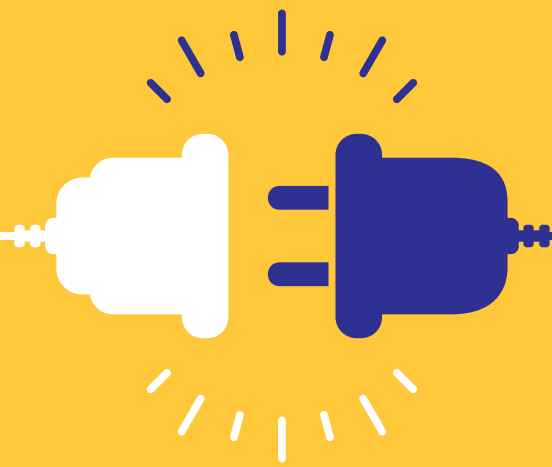
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**COMPASSION.
COMMITMENT.
CARING.**



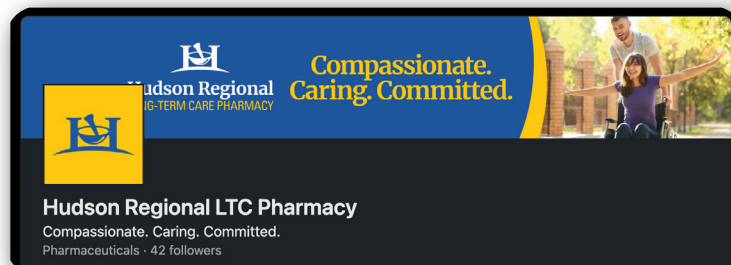
We Are Here For You!

With the highly transmissible omicron variant spreading fast in New York, we want you to know the solidarity of Hudson Regional Long Term Care Pharmacy during this time. If your agency is down in staff numbers, do not worry. No matter what, your residents' medications will be delivered.

Business is as usual at Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy! Our team is ready and able to deliver all medications to your staff. We are standing strong together as your partner in healthcare.

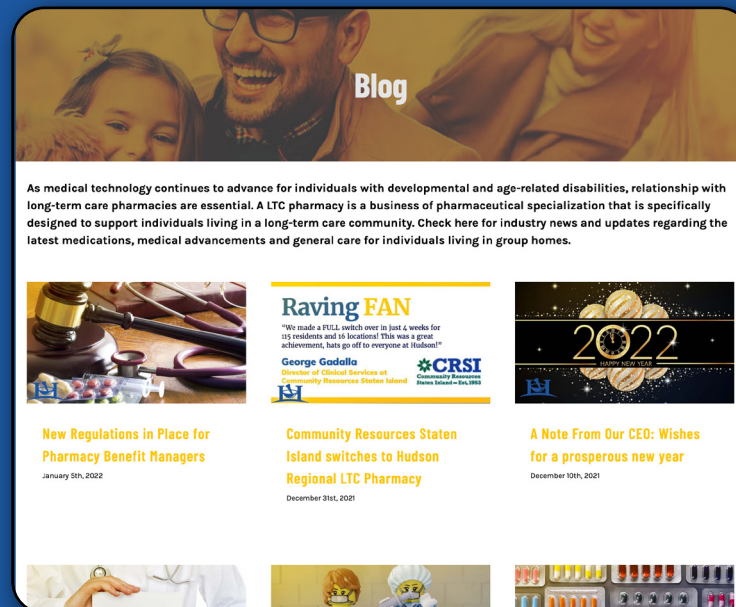
Let's Stay Connected!

Did you know Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy is on social media? Connect with us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/HudsonRegionalLTCPharmacy/> and LinkedIn at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/hudson-regional-ltc-pharmacy/>, and let's keep in touch!



**Call us today to
Discover the Difference
in your pharmacy care.**

Visit Our Website Blog for Free Long-Term Care News and Resources



As medical technology continues to advance for individuals with developmental and age-related disabilities, relationships with long-term care pharmacies are essential. Stay current on industry news and updates regarding the latest medications, medical advancements, and general care for individuals living in group homes by visiting our blog at hrltcp.org/blog.

845-341-2714

A Letter From Our CEO

New Year, Same Compassion, Commitment, Care

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope you and your loved ones had a very happy and healthy holiday season. January is always a busy month gearing up for the new year and with new insurance plans starting, but our team is eager and ready to serve our agency partners.

One of the things I'm looking forward to is a healthy new year with less illness. Although another COVID-19 variant has surged over the past month and is known to spread quickly, the vaccine has proved to be very effective. Those who are vaccinated and do contract omicron are experiencing mild symptoms and are staying out of the hospital. Collectively, we have to remain vigilant during this pandemic and that includes getting vaccinated. If you are a direct support professional working with the IDD community, we cannot emphasize enough the importance of vaccination to keep yourself and the incredible people you take care of well.

We are doing our part each day at Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy. Around 90 percent of the people we take care of have received their

booster vaccinations, and we are working hard to get the remaining patients vaccinated. Our team is committed to doing our part to move in the right direction. If you received a vaccine from HRLTCP and you lost your vaccine record card, we can issue a replacement. There is also a digital way to carry your record through the NYS Excelsior Pass Wallet App. We're excited about this easy-to-access digital pass that we discuss in more detail in this newsletter.

As we remain in the winter months with the possibility of storms, please know that the only time Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy closes is during an issued state of emergency. However, if there is snow or just bad weather, we are open. We have ample staff who are incredibly dedicated to serving our agency partners and residents. Our team never misses a beat and that's a testament to who they are.

We're here to help, don't hesitate to reach out to our team!



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

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

Industry News

New Regulations in Place for Pharmacy Benefit Managers

The new year is already off to a great start with new legislation signed by Governor Kathy Hochul requiring licensure for pharmacy benefit managers (PBMs) that specify their duties and obligations as service providers. Legislation S.3762/A.1396 also allows the Department of Financial Services to receive complaints from consumers, pharmacies, and healthcare providers if a PBM violates the law.

"In the midst of a global public health crisis, it's crucial that we take every opportunity to improve the health care system and reduce costs for New Yorkers," Governor Hochul said in a recent press release. "This landmark law creates the most comprehensive regulatory framework in the country for Pharmacy Benefit Managers, increasing transparency for consumers and shedding light on the cost of prescription drugs. Navigating costs associated with medications and insurance can be difficult, so I am proud to sign this legislation to make it that much easier."

Every person deserves the right to make well-informed decisions when it comes to their healthcare. This legislation is a step in the right direction as it will ensure that PBMs abide by these newly outlined standards while bringing transparency to an unregulated part of healthcare.

"Pharmacy benefit managers are the ones that are taking the most out of healthcare with how they bill, and in New York, there has been no regulation of this, whatsoever," said Angelo Angerame, CEO of Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy. "PBMs don't care about the patients or the pharmacies, they just care about making money. This new law will allow us to have some sort of regulation to a process that's very much out of control right now."

This landmark ruling will now give consumers more transparency on pharmaceutical costs and hold PBMs accountable through regulation.

Medicare Prescription Drug Plans

January is a busy time as all the new Medicare Part D plans roll out for our patients. A lot of work happens behind the scenes here at Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy. If a person's plan changes, our team works hard to figure out that new insurance plan for our patients without missing a beat.

For example, on a given Monday, our team will fill 2,000 prescriptions. If 25 percent of those medications are now covered under a different plan that's 500 prescriptions we are working hard to track down the new insurance information for. Rest assured, we will get the insurance information sorted out while getting each of our patients the medication they need no matter what. That is the service with a smile and the difference you can expect from Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy!

Our team is here to help! We know that some of our patients were automatically put into a plan that doesn't fit for them. Don't worry, that can be changed! If your residents are having problems with their new insurance plans, give us a call at 845-341-2714 and our team will be happy to help.

Be a Part of New York's Safe Reopening

Excelsior Pass provides a free, fast and secure way to prove your
vaccination or negative test results.

GET A PASS



Download the NYS Excelsior Pass Wallet App

Access your COVID-19 vaccine card digitally!

With the Excelsior Pass Plus, you can now carry around your COVID-19 vaccine card digitally without worrying about a paper copy. This new app that rolled out in New York State gives people a digital copy of their CDC Vaccination card or laboratory test results within the palm of their hands. Now you can easily access and show your proof of COVID-19 vaccination or negative test results at businesses and venues.

This secure, digital proof can be accessed by downloading the NYS Excelsior Pass Wallet app for free from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. The app is currently available in 10 languages including English, Spanish, Chinese (traditional and simplified), Russian, Haitian-Creole, Korean, Bengali, Arabic, Italian, Polish, and Yiddish.

Different types of Excelsior Pass Plus

- 1) The Excelsior Antigen Pass Plus shows valid results for 6 hours from the time of an antigen test.
- 2) The Excelsior PCR Pass Plus shows valid results until midnight on the third day after a test.
- 3) The Excelsior Vaccination Pass Plus is a digital copy of an individual vaccination record, which becomes available 15 days after the final dose of the vaccine was administered with no expiration date.

Anyone with the Excelsior Vaccination Pass Plus who received a booster or additional dose of the COVID-19 vaccine will have that information included on their pass wallet three to four days after that dose with no expiration date.

Am I eligible for the Excelsior Pass Plus?

You are eligible for the Excelsior Vaccination Pass Plus if:

- It's been 15 days or longer since you received the final dose in your vaccine series, you have not tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 ten days, and...
- You were fully vaccinated in New York OR
- You are a New York resident who was fully vaccinated in New Jersey or Vermont OR
- You are a New York resident and a New York healthcare provider who entered your COVID-19 vaccination information into the secure New York State and/or New York City immunization databases.

Another eligibility requirement for the pass includes receiving one of the COVID-19 vaccines approved or emergency use authorized by the food and Drug Administration (FDA). Currently, that includes the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine and the Moderna and Janssen/Johnson & Johnson (J&J) COVID-19 vaccines.

For more information on the Excelsior Vaccination Pass Plus, visit covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov.

Staff Spotlight

Sean has worked at Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy for two and a half years. He was recently promoted from Pre-Delivery Tech to Pre-Delivery Assistant Manager. Sean and his team process all of the medications to prepare for delivery to the agency homes. The average daily amount of prescriptions the team prepares for delivery is 2,000 medications for 26 different routes.

The pre-delivery team takes each medication and separates them by the home they are going to. From there, they scan each order into the computer system and they move the status from "pre-delivery" to "delivery" before putting it into a bag to be delivered. This is a crucial job at Hudson Regional LTC Pharmacy. Shawn and his team are on their feet all day long running around to prepare the medications which are delivered before residents go to bed each night.



Sean Hechanova
Pre-Delivery Assistant Manager

"I love my job! It's a new challenge every day and it keeps me moving around."

Sweater Party Winner

Congratulations to Greystone Programs, Inc. on winning a pizza party. Thank you for participating in our ugly Christmas sweater contest! We think everyone looks amazing in their sweaters!!



Spotlight Your Philanthropy Event

At Hudson Regional Long-Term Care Pharmacy, we know the funding needs that go into taking care of the ID/DD community. The residents require a lot of resources long-term, and people often don't want to give them resources. In fact, did you know, most Medicare dollars go towards taking care of people that need long-term care, be it a nursing home or group homes like our agency partners and their residents? That kind of care starts when people are children and goes into their adult life.

Long-term care requires funding, which is why we are happy to support our agency partners that work tirelessly to provide the best care for the developmentally disabled. These people are full of potential, and they want their lives to have meaning like the rest of us. We want to see everyone we serve reach their fullest potential and with your help and care, people living in group homes have that opportunity.

Showcase your upcoming philanthropy event for the ID/DD Community! Visit our website at www.hrltcp.org and head over to our Philanthropy page. You can fill out a form with details of your upcoming event to be featured on our website.



THANK YOU WE DID IT!

114%

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\$59,000

Goal

\$67,269

Raised

Call us today to
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in your pharmacy care.

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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**

Because... It's the Right Thing to Do

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