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#### NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER 2022



Staff BirthdaysTeri M.11/22Jacob R.11/29

### **Staff Anniversary**

Onergis M., PTA 12/2020 (2 years) Lily S., PTA 12/2020 (2 years)

Teri M., RN Clinical Manager 12/21 (1 year)



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Lily S., PTA



Onergis M., PTA



Melissa K., PTA



Seve S., PT

# Facility News

In October we celebrated National Physical Therapy month! We have an AMAZING Team of PT's and PTA's at Transitions! Happy PT Month Seve, **Onergis**, Lily and Melissa! Thank you for all that you do for Transitions and more importantly all you do for our patients!

### Your gift today makes a brighter tomorrow.

Our mission is to support seniors with care at home. Join our mission by giving today to help those at a time when they need it most.

Donate online: bit.ly/givetahw

We're a nonprofit WISH home health care agency





### **Transitions at Home Celebrates Home Care and Hospice Month**

Mount Horeb. WI – Each November the home care and hospice community honors the millions of nurses, home care aides, therapists, and social workers who make a remarkable difference for the patients and families they serve. These heroic caregivers play a central role in our health care system and in homes across the nation. To recognize their efforts, we call upon all Americans to commemorate the power of caring, both at the home and in their local communities and join with Transitions at Home-West and the National Association for Home Care & Hospice (NAHC) by celebrating November as National Home Care & Hospice Month.



### Google Review

We had Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy in our Adult Family Home from Transitions At Home. All of the therapists were so caring, kind, and professional. Their services are top notch. If we ever need home health services again, we will definitely use Transitions At Home from Mount Horeb, Wisconsin. We would like to thank all of the therapists that we worked with and let them know how much they were appreciated

- Gretchen T.

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With 10,000 Americans turning 65 every day, the need for health care will continue to rise, and costs will continue to skyrocket. This is where home care and hospice come in. As the preferred choice for most patients, it also offers the greatest cost savings. For example, Medicare pays nearly \$2,000 per day for a typical hospital stay and \$450 per day for a typical nursing home stay. Meanwhile, home care costs less than \$100 a day and helps many U.S. seniors remain independent at home, enrich their lives, and keep in touch with those they love.

The first wealth is health. For more information about the National Association for Home Care & Hospice, Home Care & Hospice Month, and Home Care Aide Week, visit nahc. org/homecare-hospice-month. For more information About Transitions at Home- West, please visit Transitionswest.org or call 608-437-5515.

Fraud Alert! There Are No New Medicare Cards!

The scams related to Medicare cards persist! Beneficiaries from around the state continue to receive calls asking them about their Medicare card. The caller often identifies themself as being from Medicare, and that they are "just following up on the status of your Medicare card."

# The scam has a few variations, such as:

• Asking the Medicare beneficiary if they have received the new Medicare card.

• Questioning if they knew that their red, white, and blue Medicare card is going to expire. (There is no expiration date on the Medicare card.)

 Inquiring if their doctor's name is on their Medicare card. If not, the card needs to be updated to avoid interruption of services. (Health care provider information is NOT included on a Medicare



card for any reason.) When the beneficiary says that they have not received a new card, the caller is more than happy to help them get the "new or updated card". The person on the phone then just asks them to "verify" their Medicare number.

If you receive this type of call, simply hang up, as the caller is trying to get your information to scam you and Medicare.

There is NOT a new Medicare card. Not a plastic card, a card with a chip, a different colored card, a laminated option, or a different card because of COVID-19. There are NO NEW Medicare cards, for any reason. Your paper red, white, and blue card is the only card issued by Medicare.

#### Keep in Mind

• Do not give out your Medicare number except to your doctor

or other Medicare provider • Treat your Medicare card

- like your credit card
- Do not share any personal information or bank information
- If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is
- Be cautious of offers for "free" medical services
- Watch out for identity theft

## Learn More on How to Protect Yourself

The Senior Medicare Patrol website: www.smpwi.org

Contact your local Aging & Disability Resource Center, ADRC. To find the office in your area, visit: <u>www.</u> <u>dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc</u>

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