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[Click here for Hardship Extension Application](#)



### **Hardship Exception Applications to Avoid the 2015 Medicare Payment Adjustment Due November 30, 2014**

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This reopened [hardship exception application](#) submission period is for eligible professionals and eligible hospitals that:

- Have been unable to fully implement 2014 Edition CEHRT due to delays in 2014 Edition CEHRT availability; **AND**
- Eligible professionals who were unable to attest by October 1, 2014 and eligible hospitals that were unable to attest by July 1, 2014 using the flexibility options provided in the CMS [2014 CEHRT Flexibility Rule](#).

These are the only circumstances that will be considered for this reopened hardship exception application submission period. [Applications](#) must be submitted **by 11:59 PM EST November 30, 2014.**

#### **More Information**

More information about the application process will be shared soon. We intend to address this issue in upcoming rulemaking. Visit the [Payment Adjustments and Hardship Exceptions webpage](#) for more information about Medicare EHR Incentive Program payment adjustments.

**The Arthritis & Osteoporosis Center is seeking a Part Time temporary IV nurse.**

1. To cover maternity leave Dec 2014-Feb 2015: Position is 1-2 days (Tuesday &/or Weds) per week depending on the schedule. This position could be shared by multiple RN's.
2. To cover time off: When our staff IV nurse is on vacation or is out unexpectedly.

The infusion room can accommodate up to 5 infusions at one time. All IV's administered by gravity (no pumps) and currently documented on paper (not yet documenting IVs in EMR). AOC administers Remicade, Orencia and Actemra infusions. The IV nurse is also responsible for Prolia, Zoledronic Acid, and Boniva administration. RN must have a good attitude, work well under the pressure of a busy schedule and be able to multi-task. Wage D.O.E. If you are interested in either or both positions, please send resume & cover letter to [resume@aoctc.com](mailto:resume@aoctc.com), or call 935-0332.

Additionally seeking a Practice Manager. Ideal candidate will have a minimum of 1 year management experience in the healthcare industry, understand day-to-day operations of a physician practice, and have a firm understanding of EMR, MU, compliance, and human resources. This person will be self-motivated, have a positive attitude, be detail oriented, and be a pro at multi-tasking. Nextgen experience preferred. Please send resume with cover letter to [resume@aoctc.com](mailto:resume@aoctc.com)

**Internal Medicine of Northern Michigan** is looking for full and part time MAs to join our clinical team! CMA, RMA or LPN required, EMR experience preferred. Inquiries can be sent to [rfarrell@imnm.net](mailto:rfarrell@imnm.net).

**BAYSIDE ALLERGY** has an employment opportunity for a part time Medical Assistant in our office. This position is currently one to two days per week and would be primarily front office duties, but with the opportunity to be trained also in the clinical tasks of the office, and the possibility of the position evolving into more hours in the future. We are looking for a friendly, hardworking, and detail -oriented employee with good computer skills. Experience with E-Clinical Works preferred, but not required. Please have interested candidates send resume to [paulette@baysideallergy.net](mailto:paulette@baysideallergy.net) or fax to 231-929-9092.

**RN, Part- time -**

RN needed for established small Family Practice office 18-24 hours/week. Looking for an energetic, self-directed person for a unique position. Responsibilities include direct patient care and phone calls, as well as work on PCMH initiatives and Pay for Performance programs. Eclinical works experience helpful. Fax resume to 231 929-7933 or e-mail: [madiganl@msu.edu](mailto:madiganl@msu.edu)

**MEDICAL ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITY** - Family Physician Office expanding medical team. [Click here for info.](#)

**Northern Pines Health Center** is looking for a Medical Office Assistant. [Job posting info.](#)

**Grand Traverse Allergy** is looking for a part time NP or PA. Needed in Traverse City Monday, Wednesday, and every other Friday, traveling to Cadillac every other Monday. The right candidate will be learning allergy testing, how to administer allergy shots, and serum dosing. Ultimately we would like to have the chosen candidate train with Dr. Lazar and eventually see return patients. **Please contact Laurie Phillips, Office Manager (231) 932-1035**

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*Chronic Care Management, LLC is looking for a part or full time NP.*

We provide outpatient palliative care at home, and assisted-living facility visits, as well. We also offer chronic care to prevent hospital readmissions, diagnose and treat distressing symptoms, and provide care coordination between all providers and specialists involved in the patients care. We are first and foremost patient advocates and provide home based counseling as well.

Soon to be offering home-based primary care for the homebound! Flexible hours, own schedule, mainly 8-6pm Monday through Friday.

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