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Bethel VNA Welcomes Maggie Burke as New Exec. Director

Maggie Burke has joined the Bethel Visiting Nurse Association as its Executive Director.

Maggie comes to the VNA from New Hampshire bringing a wide range of experience in home health care, marketing, training, leadership, strategy and consulting. She graduated from Southern Vermont College and earned her BS and MS at Southern New Hampshire University.

Join the Association in extending a warm welcome to our new colleague!

CMS Open Door Forum Summary

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CMS contractor, Abt Associates, presented - Home Health Payment Reform - The Home Health Groupings Model (HHGM). The HHGM is still being developed and a Technical Report will be released on it later this year. The HHGM addresses some concerns with the current Medicare home health payment structure, as identified by MedPAC (Medicare Payment Advisory Commission). The HHGM requires no change to how the OASIS is currently completed but uses 30-day time periods instead of 60 day periods. According to Abt Associates this would better align payment with costs since episodes have more visits on average during the first 30 days than the last 30 days.

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