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## HCS 2008 Tradeshow Line-Up

### 2008

**OCTOBER 5-8: AHCA 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention & Exhibition**, Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center, Nashville, TN - **HCS Booth #631**

**OCTOBER 13-15: 2008 AAHSA Annual Meeting & Exposition**, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA - **HCS Booth #1141**

**OCTOBER 22-24: 2008 ALTHA Fall Conference**, Marriott Hotel Crystal Gateway, Arlington, VA

**OCTOBER 30-31: IBHI - The Future of Technology in Behavioral Health**, Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, Washington, DC



## President's Letter

There are many positive changes on the horizon for the healthcare information technology arena. Congressional grants for technological adoption, CCHIT (Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology) development to streamline and regulate IT standards, and MDS 3.0 are only a few of the improvements in the move to reorganize and restructure today's healthcare.

The changes occurring in the IT industry are parallel to the changes we have been implementing here at HCS. We have been diligently investing our time and effort not only in the adaption of these new industry standards, but in the functional improvement and user friendliness of our **INTERACTANT™** product. This newsletter outlines only a few of the many enhancements currently in progress. We are pleased with the results so far and look forward to the challenging opportunities ahead.

As changes continue to reshape and define the IT industry, our focus is to address incorporation of new standards while continuing the expansion and enhancement of our product.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Fahey  
President



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## MDS 3.0 Update

The MDS 3.0 project is well underway at HCS. The clinical goal is to streamline the MDS completion process, resulting in an accurate picture of each resident, and ensuring the highest reimbursement category (RUG score) possible. HCS will continue utilizing multiple links from the Electronic Medical Record to the MDS, 802, and 672 so that users have the required information for easy coding of MDS questions and an accessible RAI manual for clarifications.

The HCS plan is to develop an advanced MDS product that adheres to regulatory requirements and utilizes additional enhancements based on valuable provider feedback. Technically, the goal is to improve the technology used in order to decrease provider burden, improve user adoption, and continue with our intuitive web design.

# NEW AND IMPROVED INTERACTANT™ Web User Interface

HCS is pleased to announce software enhancements that have significantly enhanced the **INTERACTANT** web interface by delivering a number of navigational feature enhancements to an already powerful solution for our diverse healthcare clients. “Our primary goal is to offer the most flexible and dynamic software solutions to healthcare providers, particularly those with multi-site, multi-service facilities who demand complete levels of integration,” states Darren Yonkin, HCS Chief Technology Officer. “With our intuitive design, workflow is easily defined and streamlined. Since functionality is always the top



priority, we like to remain at the forefront of all aspects of our application, including its look and feel.”

Starting immediately from log-in, users will experience this new and improved navigational technology. The user will be prompted with a list of options from which to select, grouped by category and displayed as images with an associated description. The options are controlled by user/role so only authorized options are accessible, promoting tremendous protection and security. A new tool bar has also been added to the browser providing navigational consistency across the entire suite of **INTERACTANT** Applications. In addition to uniformity, the toolbar also provides design preferences such as color themes for user personalization.

For more information about this exciting new enhancement, please contact your HCS Project Manager today.

## NEW!! Therapy Scheduler

HCS is pleased to announce the release of our new **Therapy Scheduler** for clients providing skilled nursing services. This new tool enables users to compare planned therapy minutes to those required for a targeted RUG level. The tool is fully integrated with the actual charges and minutes of care delivered for each resident.

Users can select alternative ARD (Assessment Reference Dates) and readjust scheduled minutes “on the fly” to manage treatments and easily get the best results. The scheduler will list the full 100 Medicare days with the ARD date(s) displayed in a reverse image. The Medicare dates appear in three different colors — black if the date is within the reference window, blue if the date is a grace day, and red if the date is outside the reference window (resulting in default days).

**INTERACTANT** will calculate a daily percentage of scheduled therapy minutes versus actual, and compare the actual RUG score versus the projected RUG score. This directs users to select the ARD with the highest RUG score, to capture the greatest burden of care delivered, and to ensure that your organization is reimbursed appropriately. Call HCS today to learn more about this latest enhancement!

A screenshot of the Therapy Scheduler interface. It displays a table with columns for Medicare days (1-100), ARD dates, and RUG scores. The table is color-coded: black for dates within the reference window, blue for grace days, and red for dates outside the window. The interface includes a header with patient information and a sidebar with navigation options.

## HCS Becomes Allied Member of ALTHA



HCS proudly announces its most recent membership to the Acute Long

Term Hospital Association (ALTHA). ALTHA is a Washington, D.C., based association of long-term acute care hospitals whose members provide highly specialized care for critically ill patients with multiple, medically complex problems.

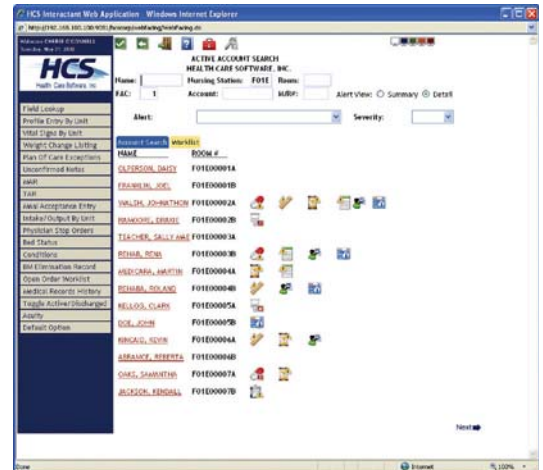
With hospital membership exceeding 300, ALTHA works to increase quality of care by sharing and improving best practices among its members. "We recognize the importance of services that LTACHs provide to the healthcare sector and are proud to support their efforts in any way possible," remarks Tom Fahey, President of HCS.

As a Silver Allied Member, HCS will be exhibiting at ALTHA's upcoming Fall Conference in Washington, D.C., on October 22-24, 2008. For information about ALTHA, visit [www.altha.org](http://www.altha.org). To learn more about how **INTERACTANT** solutions keep our LTACH clients at the forefront, call 800-524-1038 or visit [www.hcsinteractant.com](http://www.hcsinteractant.com).

## NEW!! Clinical Alerts

HCS is pleased to announce the release of **Clinical Alerts** for our real-time and fully integrated **INTERACTANT** Clinical Applications. These new alerts are completely user defined, can vary by the range of services provided, and subset by severity and type. The alerts provide a visual cue of all outstanding charting requirements, significant clinical findings, and items requiring follow-up — all on one single screen.

When a specific icon alert is selected, the resident's electronic record opens to that exact location for assessment and possible resolution. The **Clinical Alerts** are displayed on the resident's clinical homepage to facilitate communication and rapid resolution. The new **Clinical Alerts** communicate high priority information to a variety of disciplines with a comprehensive view to assist with immediate interventions and resolution. Call HCS today to learn more about this latest enhancement!



### It's getting closer all the time – nationwide adoption of the Electronic Health Record.

Now look around... if you find an organization that's not concerned, they are probably using **INTERACTANT™**, the fully integrated Clinical and Financial System from HCS. **INTERACTANT** users experience real-time access to clinical information across multiple care settings, resulting in streamlined clinical and business operations.

#### How Prepared Are You?

With over 37 years of experience in providing healthcare information systems, HCS is the right partner to prepare and transition your organization to a fully electronic medical record, an initial step to the EHR. Our broad base of integrated applications and industry-leading technology will give you confidence in knowing that you will be ready.

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"The technical support we have received from HCS has been effective, efficient, and timely. When asked to recommend an IT vendor, we highly recommend HCS."



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**Win a Prize! Play the Text Message Game**

Are you having trouble deciphering your text and/or instant messages? Play our game and challenge your skill. Just fill in the message from the acronym text (for example, BRB means "be right back"). Email your answers to [newsletters@hcsinteractant.com](mailto:newsletters@hcsinteractant.com) with "Game" in the subject line or via fax to 732-938-5380. Be sure to include your name, title, email, company, mailing address, and phone number and a prize will be on its way!