



THE NURSE AGENCY INK

Summer, 2004

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Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois Group Health Insurance Benefits Offered Starting July 1st

Starting July 1, 2004 all employees will be eligible to participate in our group health insurance plan. In order to participate, you must complete the group health insurance enrollment forms and send us your deductible by the 15th of the month *prior* to when you want your coverage to start. We will send the enrollment packet to you upon request. All premiums will thereafter be due by the 15th of the month. Failure to send in your premium will result in your insurance being dropped.

In order to help defray the costs of your health insurance, you may opt to have a certain percentage (or dollar amount) up to \$1000.00 per year deducted *pre-tax* from your weekly gross pay through the Café 125 Plan. Your pre-tax savings would be mailed to you in a check at the end of the month which you may then use to help pay the next month's premium or meet any other healthcare expense you have.

Please do not hesitate to call us with any questions or to order enrollment materials.

\$500.00 Referral Contest Shopping Spree Winner: Herbert Ibe, RN

Congratulations to **Herbert Ibe, RN** for winning our \$500.00 Shopping Spree in **The Nurse Agency "\$500.00 Shopping Spree Referral Contest."** He will be receiving his **\$500.00 Visa Gift Card** in the mail shortly. Thanks to everyone who sent us referrals. Keep in mind that you and your referral will still receive the \$100.00 referral bonus after they work their third shift.

Healthcare Provider of the Second Quarter 2004!



Susan Swart, RN has been named Healthcare Provider of the Second Quarter of 2004. While **Susan** has her favorite hospitals, she is always willing to try new facilities and is very flexible with the shifts and days she can work.

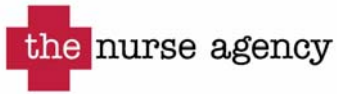
Susan will receive a \$100.00 **Lettuce Entertain You Gift Certificate** and a **Certificate of Appreciation**. Thank you, **Susan**, for all of your hard work and dedication to the nursing profession! We appreciate all that you do.

John Stroger Hospital Update!

The staffing office has informed us that they hope to present their "request for additional encumbrance" for The Nurse Agency to The Cook County Board during one of the June, 2004 Board Meetings. We will keep you updated on any new developments. Thanks for your patience.

We will be ending the bonus we have been giving Stroger Hospital RNs on June 13th in order to start our Summer Bonus Program. Many of you have tried other facilities and we thank you for your flexibility!

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EXCEPTIONAL PAYRATES

Specialty RNs up to **\$52.00**

M/S RNs up to **\$45.00** per

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RN License? Fax it to us at (773) 779-
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we do not have it in our office.**

NEWS AND NOTES...

- **Forget Your Timecard?** Print one out from our website! Go to www.thenurseagency.com and scroll down the home page. You will see a link to the timecard. Simply click on the link and print it out.
- **Oak Park Hospital** now requires that all RNs who staff there attend a **Meditech Orientation**. The Meditech system is a computer charting program. Orientations are held once a month. The orientation dates for the rest of the year are as follows: July 7th, August 4th, September 8th, October 6th, November 3rd, and December 8th. The orientation is *not* paid, starts at 8:00 a.m., and lasts for about 2.5 hours. Call the office and we will schedule you.