



ANNUAL EMPLOYEE SURVEY COMING SOON



In order to maintain our status as a JCAHO certified staffing agency, The Nurse Agency is required to annually survey our employees regarding the service we provide. This year, our employee survey will be conducted by an online provider. This will ensure accuracy in responses and protect your anonymity.

Please help us meet this important JCAHO requirement. Complete the survey as soon as you receive the link in your email. We plan on conducting the survey in late July. Please call us if you have any questions or if you would prefer to receive a paper copy of the evaluation.

It's Not Too Late To Win our \$500.00 Referral Contest



Summer is typically the time of year that The Nurse Agency receives the most hospital orders and we expect this year to be the same. We will need more nurses to staff our busy hospital clients and we always get the best referrals from our current employees.

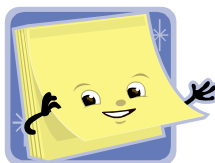
Our RN Referral Contest is running from June 1, 2007 through August 31, 2007. The RN who refers the greatest number of RNs to The Nurse Agency during that time frame will receive a **\$500.00 American Express Gift Card**. You must refer at least three RNs to qualify for the contest. A random drawing will be held to determine the winner in the case of a tie.

Remember: you and your referral will still both receive a \$500.00 bonus if they work 80 hours in the three months after they are active.

Start sending in your new referrals today! Call us if you would like us to send you some referral cards.



Don't forget to send us your TB test (or TB Questionnaire if you test positive for TB) and physical every year. We also require a new Age Appropriate Exam, OSHA Exam, HIPAA Statement and Skills Checklist annually. All annual credentials are available on our website. A reminder notice is sent out 45 days prior to your credentials expiring.



401(k) Reminder! We now match your 401(k) Contributions—this is **FREE MONEY!** Start saving for retirement and decrease your tax burden at the same time. Call us for more

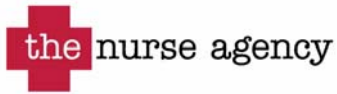
information or for an enrollment packet and list of investment options.

Health Care News of Note

Illinois House and Senate Pass Nurse Staffing by Patient Acuity Legislation

The first state-wide staffing plan has been unanimously approved by both the Illinois House and Senate. This plan requires all hospitals to implement a written staffing plan aligning patient care needs with RN expertise. In addition, each hospital will have to implement a patient acuity tool to provide direction in determining additional nursing staff needed due to ever-changing patient care acuity.

The Illinois Nurses Association worked closely with the Illinois Hospital Association to help ensure the bill did not include mandatory fixed staffing ratio plans which do not take into consideration patient acuity. Visit the **"What's New"** section on the home page of our website, www.thenurseagency.com, for a link to the entire article.



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We now send monthly E-Mail Newsletter Updates: Make sure we have your current e-mail address so we can keep you informed about what's new at The Nurse Agency!



Looking For Continuing Education Units?

Check out www.thenurseagency.com! We now have a continuing education page that links you to various online resources offering CEU's for RNs. Some even offer free CEU's! Let us know if you know of a good online resource for RNs and we'll link to them on our website.

ORIENTATIONS: The following hospitals require RNs to attend an orientation before staffing. If you would like to attend an orientation at one of the following hospitals please call our office and we will schedule you if one is available. **Please note:** You are paid 1/2 the day shift rate for attending an orientation.

All Advocate Hospitals (ER Nurses *do not* have to attend orientation), John Stroger Hospital of Cook County, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, St. Francis Hospital and Health Center, St. James Hospital and Health Centers, St. Joseph Medical Center (Joliet)

NEWS AND NOTES...

- Quality Control notices are sent weekly to RNs who have credentials that will expire within 45 days. Please return the requested items as soon as possible. You will not be able to work if your file is not kept up to date. All QC's are available on our website, www.thenurseagency.com, for downloading or give us a call and we will mail them to you.
- **Have an Idea, Comment or Question? We Want Your Feedback!** We are always searching for new ways to improve the service we provide our nurses and our hospital clients. Please don't hesitate to call us with any feedback you may have. We won't know if you are satisfied with the service we provide unless you tell us! Comments or questions can also be sent to us via our website www.thenurseagency.com. Simply go to the [Contact Us](#) page and send us an email.