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**Clinical Abstracts Deadline Extended - Due December 10th**

The GAPNA Planning Committee has extended the deadline and is accepting clinical abstracts for presentations at the 2013 annual conference through December 10th. If you plan to submit an abstract, please [click here to download](#) the submission form.

Presentation topics should be consistent with the theme of quality of life and quality of care and may address clinical best practices, innovative models of care, organizational change, unique strategies, and/or processes that improve outcomes and bridge gaps in care, analyses of current care, case studies, and be appropriate for presentation for APNs at an advanced level.

**GAPNA’s Approver Unit Closing**

As you are aware, for many years GAPNA has been an Approver Unit for the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). This has allowed us to review and approve CNE’s for GAPNA educational activities. Over the past several years we have had to close the Provider Unit; deal with increasing and ongoing costs associated with operating the Approver Unit; and recruit volunteers to process the applications though relatively few members have requested this resource.

In addition, the ANCC has called for new criteria to be set in place as of January 1, 2013. Implementing said new criteria would call for...
significant additional human and capital resources. All things considered, the Board feels sustaining the Unit is no longer an option and has made the decision to discontinue the Approver Unit effective December 31st.

**The Top Three Myths about HIPAA by NSO**

The source of the myths and confusion isn’t always clear, but it seems to come from zealous privacy advocates, providers’ legal advisors who warn of legal consequences and lawsuits, and vendors eager to sell their “HIPAA-compliant” products. Today, the myths may persist because case law and precedent have been hard to come by. There simply hasn’t been a lot of actual legal enforcement of the HIPAA regulations.

[Click here to read more](#) about the three most common HIPAA myths.

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The GAPNA 2013 Annual Conference “Enhancing Access, Promoting Quality Care & Improving Outcomes for Older Adults” will take place in Chicago at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers during the dates of September 18-21, 2013. Mark your calendars now to attend! More information to come shortly.