## Let's Talk Respite Care





# GOOD NEWS RATES WENT UP

We can now offer your facility a new contract for respite services.

### What is Respite Care?

Respite care is short-term inpatient care provided to the individual only when necessary to relieve the family members or other persons caring for the individual at home. Respite care may only be provided in a Medicare participating hospital or hospice inpatient facility or a medicare or Medicaid participating nursing facility. Respite care may be provided only on an occasional basis and may not be reimbursed for more than 5 consecutive days at a time. (Medicare Benefit Policy Manual, Chapter 9, Section 40.2.2)

#### REQUIREMENTS

- Short term(5-days or less)
- Medicare participating Hospital or Nursing Facility

#### **BENEFITS**

Caring for a seriously ill person can be taxing, which is why Medicare established respite care. Now that Medicare has raised respite rates, we can pass along an increase to your facility so more patients can receive better care from respite.

## DO YOU HAVE **EMPTY BEDS?**

Let's talk about a new contract to see how we may be able to help fill those beds.