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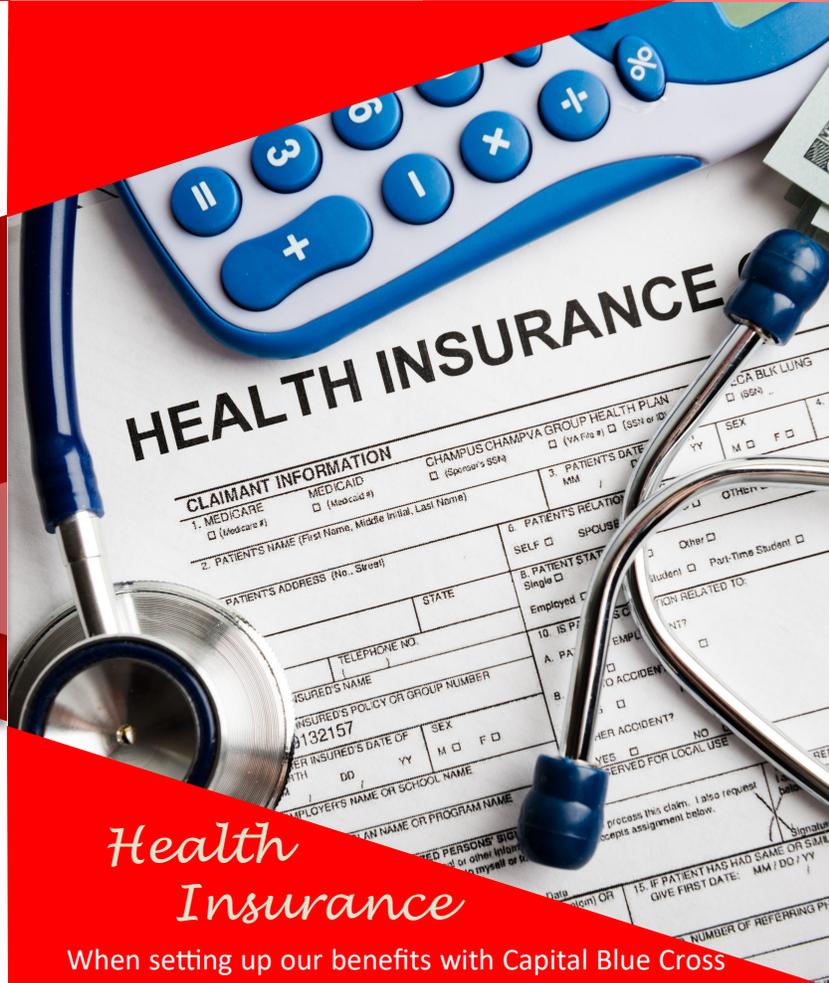
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Health Insurance

When setting up our benefits with Capital Blue Cross there were two issues with the RX set up. One issue was the Over the Counter (OTC) drugs available at a generic copay and the other was the 2X retail copay for a 90 day supply at any retail pharmacy. Both required a manual update to Capital Blue Cross' system which could not be implemented in time for January 1st. Both issues are being worked on and we anticipate them being complete soon. Those that were impacted by the 90 day at retail issue will get a refund for the extra out of pocket they paid once this is updated. Thank you for your patience while these items are updated!

Effective March 1st Assurant Dental is changing over to Sunlife Financial. New Dental cards with the Sunlife logo and group ID will be provided to everyone enrolled next week. Our dental plan will remain the same, the only change is the name. A shout out to HR for all their efforts in making this transition relatively seamless!



Mercy House **Substance Abuse Recovery**

This week we submitted our application for a certificate of appropriateness with Gettysburg Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB). While this is only the first step in the permit process, it is important to the overall functionality of the recovery center to have operable windows and the addition of an elevator to the building. Both of these items will impact the exterior of the building, thus the need for a historic review. This month we will also host a neighborhood meeting and have invited the immediate neighbors to attend and learn more about the operation and benefits of a recovery center. County and RASE Project staff will be on hand to present information and answer any questions. We are looking forward to adding more recovery services to combat the opioid and substance abuse epidemic facing our residents.

Senior Management Meetings Resume

Per popular request Senior Management Meetings are set to resume in 2019. This is a time for all Elected Officials and Director level employees to get together and share what's happening in their departments and bring up questions or concerns. One or more of the Commissioners will be in attendance to communicate what's going on in the County's big picture. The Courts are invited to do the same. Michele Miller, HR Director, has received many requests asking for the return of this practice and will be coordinating the meetings (date, time, location). The first one will take place on March 22, 2019. Watch your e-mail for an invitation with all the specifics in the near future. If you cannot attend please send a department representative. We hope to see your department represented!

Senior managers please mark your calendars for Wednesday, February 27 at 10:00 in the former Children & Youth meeting room. The Adams County Board of Commissioners is requesting your attendance at the above-scheduled meeting for discussion on a change in procedure for the review and approval of contracts, agreements, grants and technology-based documents.

We urge your attendance at this meeting where complete review and instructions for the changes will be addressed by Solicitor Molly Mudd and IT Director Phil Walter. There will be time for questions and answers. We are asking all Directors, Deputy Directors, and Contract/Procurement employees to attend this meeting. If you cannot attend, please send a representative who will be able to relay the information. Thank you for your usual cooperation in this matter.



Computer Aided 911 Dispatch to Launch Soon

The Department of Emergency Services, in conjunction with the IT Department, has initiated the process of building a new Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) network at the County's 911 Communications Center. CAD is a computer based system that assists 911 Dispatchers in prioritizing and dispatching first responders to requests for assistance. The system will interface with the 911 telephone system and the County's 800 Mhz Digital Trunked Radio System. CAD also provides law enforcement with in-car information on their laptop computers.

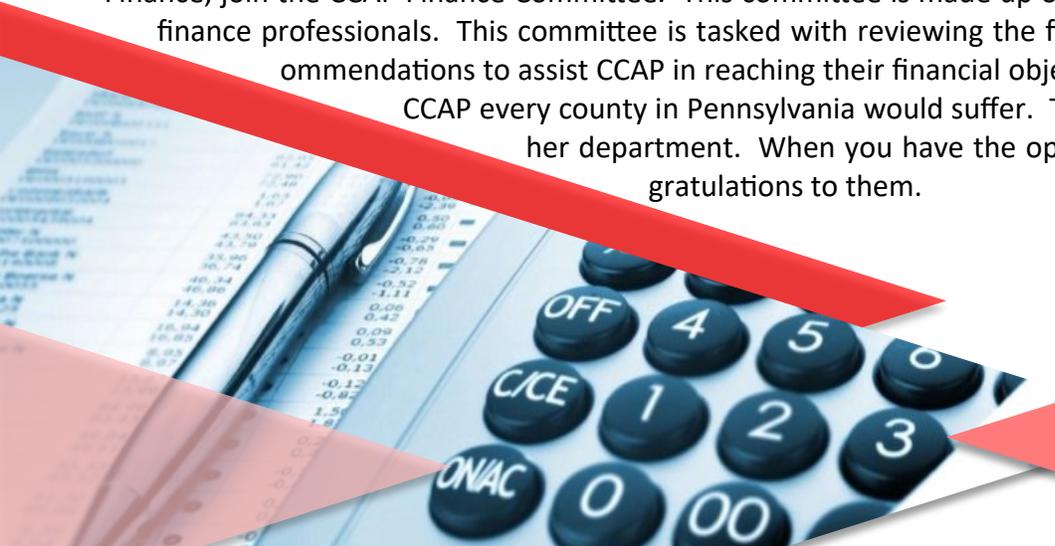
This new network will have more redundancy and be more resilient than the current system; both are important characteristics in the Public Safety Communications arena. Additionally, the new network will allow for growth and adaptation, as new technology develops. The current CAD network is seven years old; outliving the normal life expectancy by two years. It is anticipated that the new network will be on-line in approximately 90 days.

ADP Portal Change - February 4th

Beginning February 4th staff will be required to log into ADP Workforce Now to access eTIME to clock In/ Out. Directors and supervisors need to ascertain that all staff in their departments are able to access and successfully log into the ADP Portal (<https://workforcenow.adp.com>). If there are any questions please contact Lisa Chilcoat ext. 1192 or Heather Redifer ext.1193 in HR for instructions or more information.

Finance Director Accepts CCAP Finance Committee Position

Doug Hill, the Executive Director of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP), and Pamela Szajnok, CCAP Chief Financial Officer have recommended that Melissa Devlin, Adams County Director of Finance, join the CCAP Finance Committee. This committee is made up of county commissioners and county finance professionals. This committee is tasked with reviewing the finances of CCAP and in making recommendations to assist CCAP in reaching their financial objectives. Without a financially strong CCAP every county in Pennsylvania would suffer. This is a great honor for Melissa and her department. When you have the opportunity please convey yours congratulations to them.



Tax Preparation Available

Income tax return season is here! ACOA Board Member Commissioner Jim Martin reports that for Adams County residents that are over 60 years of age there is an opportunity for free tax preparation service provided by the Adams County Office for the Aging. This is available to low and moderate income individuals with less complicated returns (i.e. rental income). It is a very popular service and may require waiting for an available agent. Waiting time is generally longer in the mornings. The agents that help with the preparation are volunteers trained to assist with tax return preparation. The Office for Aging is located on West Middle St in Gettysburg between West St. and the Foursquare Gospel Church. For information on dates and times call 717-334-9296.

Super Bowl Lunch Today

A reminder that the "Adams County Super Bowl Lunch" is being held today from 11:30 - 1:30 in the former Children & Youth Office Rm #3. The lunch will be Pot Luck Bring A Dish with hot dogs and hamburgers provided. For those wearing Patriots and Rams gear - Good Luck! For those wearing Saints gear - you got robbed! For those with Steelers, Eagles, Cowboys or Ravens gear - maybe next year!



The **End**

If you haven't noticed it has gotten over the top record breaking bitter cold! What is going on? How can it be below 0 for the past few days and be in the mid 50's and 60's by Sunday/Monday? Talk about the Big Thaw. My mother would tell you, that kind of dramatic temperature change weather is unhealthy and leads to all kinds of ailments. I am not sure if that is scientifically validated; but that was the philosophy around the Phiel household when I was growing up.

If anyone is passing through East Berlin, Commissioner Martin reports there are plenty of bargains to be found at the Community Center Thrift Store. The store is newly remodeled with a wide range of items. The Thrift Store sales help support the East Berlin Community Center. Jim and wife Ginny visited the thrift store following the center's Volunteer Appreciation Banquet. Mrs. Martin went away with three like-new skirts. The store thus has Ginny's seal of approval. Not only does the store have bargains, but the center offers meeting and event space at very reasonable rates. If you haven't visited East Berlin lately the Thrift Store is a good reason for a visit.

There are several events worthy of note this weekend. Each year I remind you of the Cashtown Community Fair which is always the first weekend in February. This Thursday features turkey/oysters and Friday chicken/waffles/oysters. For the first time the dinner will not be held on Saturday evening. I'm gojgn to miss the roast beef/oysters! Tonight you can head to Bendersville Fire Company Meat Raffle featuring food and prizes. Tonight is Improv' Comedy Night at the Gettysburg Community Theater. This troupe of actors don't use a script and make it all up as they go. My guess is there had better be some thick skinned spectators? The cost is \$15 and starts at 7:30. Recognizing our neighboring Franklin County to the west, the Ice Fest is taking place on the streets of downtown Chambersburg this weekend. See some unique ice sculptures and partake of some great food and drink. Speaking of ice, reports indicate all slopes and the tubing park are open at Ski Liberty - so take advantage of those conditions while you can. The Majestic Theater has 3 upcoming performances that will fulfill your cultural calendar for the next two weekends. They are in order *Carmen* - *The Met Live*, *The Madness of George III*, and *Pete The Cat*.

No matter what you do get out there and experience all the historical, recreational, agricultural, natural and cultural opportunities that beautiful Adams County has to offer.