



EHR

Electronic Health Records Bulletin

"Your major line of communication with EHR and CureMD"

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2024 CureMD Updates & Reminders

❖ Nurses and NPs

Nurses and NP's will now have the following templates defaulted when they select the PE (Physical Exam) and ROS (Review of Systems) on the FP Initial and Annual Note templates:

- Physical Exam (FP NP Approved)
 - ROS (FP ROS)
1. The EHR staff suggest monitoring draft provider notes, draft prescriptions and pending lab orders daily to ensure appropriate documentation.
 2. To add a missing med into the inventory module; please submit an email to the EHR/DPH address with the following information: Drug name, route, box NDC# and how it is packaged.
 3. The 2024 Immunization Reference Materials are not updated in Immunization chart section of CureMD. We have requested CureMD to update this information ASAP. Please refer to the CDC website and the Library in CureMD under the Immunization program for these materials (Immunization schedule).
 4. The Family Planning program has started to pilot the Abnormal Breast Consult Form in the production database in CureMD. We look forward to this workflow being a success and coming to your location soon!
 5. We have two different methods of emergency contraceptives in the CHD's, Plan B and Ella. Plan B has always been norethindrone and MyWay is our version of Plan B. Ella is a completely different drug and has a different mechanism of action. Please make sure the method dispensed aligns with protocol and physician orders.
 6. When medication errors are made, the patient/parent must be notified of the medication error and a VAERS report submitted regardless if an adverse reaction does not occur.



❖ Clerical Staff

We have been experiencing an overflow of documents being scanned into the wrong charts. To help prevent this error:

1. Ensure you have verified the document to be scanned belongs to the correct patient.
2. Contact the IT Help Desk and request a work order be generated to report computer issues. Ex Downloading client utility to fix scanner and Dymo lab printer issues.
3. Email Cassandra Glover (State Clerical Director) with any request to modify the EHR. Ex. Deleting encounter forms that are scanned into wrong chart.

❖ 2024 EHR Training

March 15 | May 17 | June 21 | August 16 | September 20 | October 18 | November 15

~ from the desk of ~

Cassandra Glover, State Clerical Director

March Focus: Customer Service

Customer service at times can make a workday seem hard and stressful. You may have some days that may be rewarding and beneficial. Other days may seem to be overwhelming, making it difficult to feel like what you are doing is important. When you help others feel important, you are helping yourself feel just as important. You are a valued asset to ADPH! Thank you for what you do daily and for being a great representative for the State of Alabama.

There is a saying that says... "People will forget what you said, People will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

HOLIDAYS & HEALTH OBSERVANCES

- ❖ Daylight Saving, March 10
- ❖ St. Patrick's Day, March 17
- ❖ First Day of Spring, March 19
- ❖ Easter Sunday, March 31
- ❖ National Social Work Month
- ❖ National Nutrition Month

"Your life does not get better by chance, it gets better by change."



HELPFUL LINKS YOU MAY FIND USEFUL

[ADPH Districts & Health Departments](#)

[ADPH Guide to Services](#)

[Central Office Telephone Listing](#)

[Map \(Public Health Districts\)](#)

[CDC Vaccines](#)

[VAERS](#)

[CDC Pink Book](#)

March Fun Facts

Happy March Birthday to those of you born this month!

March Flower
Daffodils

March Birthstone
Aquamarine – a symbol of health happiness and transformation

Zodiac Signs
Pisces – Feb. 20 to March. 20
Aries – March. 21 to April. 20

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Public Health Employees Safeguard the Health of Alabamians

March 1 is designated as National Employee Appreciation Day, an observance created to call attention to the valuable and meaningful work performed by employees. I would like to take this opportunity to call attention to the dedicated public health employees who work each day to promote and protect the public from disease, injury, and other threats. They deserve recognition for safeguarding the health of all Alabamians in all 67 counties.

Much of the work of public health is done behind the scenes and is taken for granted when things go well. Their efforts are both silent and invisible to many people until there is a crisis such as a deadly pandemic or a natural disaster which seizes their attention.

I invite you to view our [Silent Guardians of Health page](#) to learn about the broad scope of services our employees provide. A video titled “Silent Guardians of Health” introduces some public health professionals who put into practice the slogan “Alabama’s Health is Job #1.” From prenatal services to taking care of older Alabamians, daily activities of a few of the individual employees who are featured in the video are listed here.

- Keep people safe by maintaining clean drinking water through proper sewage disposal, ensuring safe food handling practices to prevent foodborne illness, inspecting food service establishments, and investigating vectors of human disease.
- Protect the vulnerable by making visits to patients in their homes, especially those who have trouble getting to doctors’ appointments, and provide the only home health pediatric care available within the state of Alabama.
- Provide for Alabamians’ needs behind the scenes in administrative roles, always willing to lend a hand to others.
- Help women, infants, and children, even those living in remote rural areas, access the nutrition education and nutritious food they need.
- Educate Alabamians about different illnesses and conditions, ways to prevent illness, and get confidential treatment when needed.
- Find ways that help ensure a happier and healthier community and enhance lives by effectively utilizing resources, solving problems, and building relationships.

We appreciate the many committed public servants who care deeply about the people they serve and fulfill the mission of public health. Public health employees strive to maintain the public’s trust by being professional, competent, honest, and knowledgeable. They value compassion, empathy, fairness, and respect when providing the highest quality services to clients and patients.

A public health career is one way to have a positive impact affecting everyone in Alabama. I encourage others to join this team. If you are interested in making Alabama’s health “Job #1,” please visit [Alabama Department of Public Health Employment Opportunities](#).

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