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# CHEX e-Letter

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## Welcome to the TCG CHEX e-letter!

We trust you will find this communication helpful and informative concerning current CHEX on-line learning issues. Each quarter we will introduce new CHEX clients, inform of course updates, and make using CHEX easier by answering frequently asked questions. We will provide current topics and articles of interest including web links. We also want to include your comments, concerns and suggestions so please send us your ideas.

The Corridor Group® will soon be launching updates to our web site [www.corridorgroup.com](http://www.corridorgroup.com). Check us out for pictures, new product offerings and an updated CHEX demo.

We would be delighted to meet our CHEX clients in person!

## New Changes to the CHEX Course Catalog

As you may have noticed, we've updated our catalog. *Basic Life Support* has been removed from the course list and we've added two new courses, Age-Specific Competencies—Pediatrics and Age-Specific Competencies—Adults. All courses have been updated in the past three months, with significant updates in the Pain courses. We've also updated the Tuberculosis course and test. Please take note that the title now reflects the new version—CHEX-Tuberculosis v4.0.1.

TCG participates in several State and National Home Care and Hospice conferences throughout the US. Please check the exhibition hall for the yellow, orange and black TCG booth and introduce your team to ours! Hope to see you soon in Orlando, Albuquerque, San Diego, New York, Chicago or Baltimore.

As always, we want to make the orientation and yearly-required CHEX on-line learning experience very positive for all our clients. Please contact us for assistance, suggestions or ideas any time!

Take time to enjoy Spring!

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## Q & A

*Why aren't the reports showing all the tests my students have passed?*

This is one of the most common questions we hear. In order for a report to reflect your completed learning, you must first **launch a course** before taking a test. This is a safety net to ensure all learners have reviewed the materials.

## Welcome New Clients!!!

- Three Rivers Health Home Care and Hospice
- Hospice of the Valleys
- Good Shepherd Hospice
- Erickson Retirement Communities

## Scheduled CHEX Black-Out Dates

We will perform maintenance on the Knowledge Planet site one Sunday a month from 6AM to 8AM.

- April 2
- May 1
- June 4
- July 9
- August 6
- September 6
- October 1
- November 5
- December 3

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*“Do the right  
thing...right”*

### The NEW Enhanced Survey Toolkit for Home Health and Hospice

The NEW Enhanced Survey Toolkit is a simple, practical guide to prepare you for survey success. This toolkit provides resources related to federal home care and hospice surveys, gives guidance on how to prepare for a survey and more! Our Toolkit also includes four key audit tools to help you improve compliance and prepare you for survey.

**All CHEX subscribers  
receive 20% off the  
regular price through  
April 30, 2006.**

## Many Benefits to Online Learning

Online learning has many integral benefits, including cost savings, scheduling, consistency, and an edge in the marketplace.

**Cost Comparison:** It has been shown that efficiencies gained by offering courses over the Internet can save home care agencies anywhere from 50%-75%.

Online learning requires a fraction of the time and resources that classroom training requires. Agencies don't have to pay for instructors, facilities in which to hold the courses, or managers to schedule classes, keep course content updated or grade tests. Most importantly, patient schedules don't have to be

changed to accommodate yearly required education.

**Scheduling:** Staff can log on anytime, anywhere internet access is available and complete their course work.

**Consistency:** All students are guaranteed to have the same materials presented in the same manner.

As staff become used to interacting with computers as part of their job, it becomes easier to implement other new technology. By embracing technology, agencies can give themselves an edge in the field, differentiating them in the marketplace.

## In the News...

03/13/2006

The Senate Budget Committee approved a version of the President's FY 2007 budget that did not include the proposed budget cuts for Medicare and Medicaid. The senate committee's new version would give Medicare \$382 billion in 2007, a \$55 billion increase in funding over 2006.

[www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)

3/23/2006

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services today announced it intends to extend coverage for the home use of oxygen to Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in a CMS approved clinical trial sponsored by the National Heart, Lung & Blood Institute.

[www.cms.hhs.gov/](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/)

3/27/2006

The US is still not adequately prepared for an influenza pandemic, agree panelists at a conference held over the weekend entitled "Thinking about the Unthinkable — Evaluating U.S. Pandemic Preparedness, Anticipating the Special Role of Home Care and Technology". They also agreed that the vast majority of the US response will have to come from the health care sector, not government. The Department of Health and Human Services, in conjunction with NAHC and the CDC, has released a checklist identifying key planning areas to help home care agencies prepare for the vital role they will play should the nation face a pandemic. For further information, please visit the following site:

[www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/healthcare.html](http://www.pandemicflu.gov/plan/healthcare.html)

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*hospice industries. We are problem solvers and innovators who, through collaboration with*

*our clients and one another, deliver results!*