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# The Voice of Merici



## **From Colleen Renie:**

Medicaid programs will require providers of personal care services and home health services such as waiver services to use an electronic visit verification (EVV) system to document services rendered. Use of an EVV system to document personal care services **must be implemented by January 1, 2020**. This new federal requirement is designed to insure that people supported by Medicaid funds are receiving the services authorized. We are working with our InCare electronic reporting system to ensure that the Village of Merici will meet these requirements **by January 1, 2020**. All VOM coaches are required to have smart phones to support this new technology requirement.

Federal law requires that providers use the EVV system to document the following information:

- Type of service performed
- Individual receiving the service
- Date of the service
- Location of service delivery
- Individual providing the service
- Time the service begins and ends



## **Highlighting Important April Events at Merici Village Apartments**

- Tuesday, April 16, 5 p.m. Democrat Jamar Cobb-Dennard is running in the May 7 primary for Mayor of Lawrence. All are welcome to attend. **Spread the word!**

- Wednesday, April 24, 5 p.m. Judy Byron from Arts for Lawrence will explain the new Lawrence Cultural Campus funded by the Lilly Endowment. All are welcome to attend. **Spread the word!**
- Thursday, April 25, 6 - 8 p.m. In partnership with the University of Indianapolis Occupational Therapy Department, the Village of Merici is hosting an EMBRACE party at Porter Books & Bread. This event is open to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Watch for details soon.
- Monday, April 29, 6 p.m. Republican Mayor Steven Collier of Lawrence is running for re-election in the May 7 primary. All are welcome to attend. **Spread the word!**

Please refer each week to the calendar section in the Update as things change--sometimes from day to day!

**April 2019**

April is Autism Awareness Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			10 3:30 p.m. Coupon Club 5 p.m. Jabbers 6 p.m. Relationships w/Dr. Ciccarelli	11 2:30 p.m. Job Club 3:30 p.m. Games w/Krystyna 5 p.m. Meditation 6 p.m. Walking Club 6:30 p.m. Aktion Club	12 3:30 p.m. Body Groove	13 7 - 9 p.m. Game Night
14	15 4 p.m. Art project with clay	16 3:30 p.m. Lady Bug Garden Club 5 p.m. Jamar Cobb-Dennard 6 p.m. Relaxation 7 p.m. Ice cream & cake for April birthdays	17 3:30 p.m. Coupon Club 5 p.m. Jabbers	18 2:30 p.m. Super Tips for Super Cleaning 3:30 p.m. Games w/Jane 5 p.m. Meditation 6 p.m. Walking Club	19 3:30 p.m. Body Groove	20
21 Happy Easter!	22 5 p.m. Relationships Mayor Collier cancelled—see 4.29 below	23 3:30 p.m. Lady Bug Garden Club 5:30 p.m. Relaxation Jamar Cobb-Dennard Cancelled—see 4.16 above	24 3:30 p.m. Coupon Club 5 p.m. Jabbers/Arts for Lawrence (new Cultural Campus)	25 2:30 p.m. Job Club 5 p.m. Meditation 6 - 8 p.m. EMBRACE event Porter Books & Bread	26 3:30 p.m. Body Groove	27
28 5 p.m. Cooking w/ Nicole & Bill	29 6 p.m. Mayor Steven Collier on voting in the May 7 Primary	30 3:30 p.m. Lady Bug Garden Club 5:30 p.m. Relaxation				

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26	27 Memorial Day (office closed)	28 3:30 p.m. Lady Bug Garden Club 5:30 p.m. Relaxation	29	30	31	

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**Coaches' Corner**

- There are new and improved mailboxes for each coach in the coaches' office. Please check regularly for important items and information.
- Please be alert to the above events listed in the above article as well as the April calendar. Encourage the person(s) you support to attend these informative sessions.

### **Attorney Addresses Families**

On Monday, April 8, Attorney Robert Fechtman discussed several issues facing aging parents and siblings in planning for the future for a family member who has I/DD. Among the issues he discussed were wills, trusts, special needs trusts, ARC-trusts 1 and 2, guardianship issues, and the ABLE account. He also briefly discussed supported decision-making; how the new Indiana law will be implemented was a question raised by the group in attendance.

Bob distributed several pamphlets that addressed several of the above issues. The pamphlets are for general distribution and are located next to the elevator at the courtyard/mailbox entrance to MVA. Families not in attendance at Bob's presentation may be interested in the information.

Thanks to the Family Council for sponsoring this event to assist families of the persons we support. Special thanks to Carrie Hutnicke for connecting with Bob for us.

### **From the Editor:**

If you have arrived thus far in reading this Update, please let Sister Jackie know (email, phone, note in office). She will place your name in a drawing for a gift! I hope you enjoy reading the Update each week and find valuable information in it.

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