AGENDA ITEM: Partnership for Patients

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DESIRED ACTION: [ ] Approval [x] Information/Discussion

ESTIMATED TIME NEEDED: 20 minutes

INTRODUCTION: Partnership for Patients is a nationwide public-private partnership that offers support to physicians, nurses and other clinicians to provide safe patient care and to support effective transitions of patients from hospitals to other settings. The two goals for this initiative are: 1) Keep patients from getting injured or sicker and 2) Help patients heal without complications.

This initiative is sponsored by the US federal government’s Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). It hopes to reduce hospital readmission by 20% by the year 2013. Another aspect of this initiative is to reduce Healthcare Acquired Conditions (HACs) by 40% by the end of 2013 as compared to 2010.

Medical-surgical nurses have been recognized as key players in providing safe patient care. AMSN has been approached to be a collaborator in the initiative to reduce HACs. ANA & AORN are also involved in this initiative.

Involvement centers around communication about recognition, prevention and importance of HACs and empowering the med-surg nurse to function as a change agent.

Some suggestions for assisting with this initiative include:
1) Highlight med-surg nurses who have taken the lead in endeavors to show what successful nursing can accomplish
2) Determine what is working by conducting a member survey to access this information
3) Integrate CLDP curriculum with CMS/public policy (ACA)
4) Communicate best practices to CMS for the weekly newsletter
5) Provide webinars about the med-surg nurse’s role with HACs
6) Include important information on website

RECOMMENDATION:
1) Discuss pros and cons of involvement with this initiative.
2) Discuss extent of involvement, if applicable.
3) Discuss best approach to accomplish involvement.
4) Determine next steps, if applicable.

FINANCIAL: Unknown at this time
RATIONALE: This initiative aligns with Goal #4 (National Leadership and Influence), Objective #4.2 (Form strategic alliances/affiliations/relationships that are consistent with the mission and strategic direction of AMSN) and Goal #3 (Professional Development) since one of the key aspects of this initiative is to develop the med-surg nurse as a change agent.