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AAPACN Advances PAC Nursing for Future Success

Denver, CO, Jan. 26, 2021 – The American Association of Post-Acute Care Nursing (AAPACN) announced today plans to merge the memberships, resources, and educational programs of its affiliated associations, the American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination (AANAC) and the American Association of Directors of Nursing Services (AADNS), into AAPACN this May.

In April 2019, AAPACN realigned both legacy associations under the parent organization. Together, AADNS and AANAC, best known for setting the standard in MDS education through its Resident Assessment Coordination Certification (RAC-CT) program, have helped to elevate the role of nursing in long-term care by providing the education and resources nurses need to be recognized as highly competent reimbursement and clinical leaders.

By merging into one post-acute care (PAC) nursing association, AAPACN will position its members for similar success in other PAC settings. “As vertical and horizontal integration among healthcare settings continues, AAPACN understands the critical role of nursing in improved care delivery and transitions of care,” explains AAPACN Board Chair, Jill Snow. “We want to ensure that our members have the knowledge and expertise they need for success in any care delivery setting along the post-acute care continuum.”

“With the completion of the transition from three organizations into one,” adds AAPACN CEO and President, Tracey Moorhead, “our focus will be on delivering compelling information and education that is timely and meets the immediate needs of a spectrum of PAC providers at various career phases, professional levels, and care delivery settings.”

Beginning in May, member access to the former AANAC and AADNS resources will transfer to AAPACN.org.

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The American Association of Post-Acute Nursing (AAPACN) represents more than 17,000 long-term and post-acute care nurses and professionals. Dedicated to supporting post-acute care nurses and healthcare professionals in providing quality care, AAPACN offers members best in-class education, certification, resources, and strong collaborative communities.

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