



Ascension

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North Region Transition Planning Update

Items you should Know, Share and Do



Know This:

North Region Transition-Status Update

As announced on Monday, June 14, Ascension Wisconsin and Aspirus continue to work on approvals and requirements necessary for the transition. A specific date to finalize the transition is dependent on certain approvals and requirements being satisfied. As of Monday, Transition readiness steps continue on various levels. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) will allow the transfer of ownership to Aspirus to go forward unchallenged. We are anticipating a targeted transition date of August 1. During this process, our priorities remain the same: caring for our patients and our communities we are privileged to serve and providing a smooth transition for our associates as we finalize the sale transaction.

Attention Credentialed Providers:

As we continue work on the planned transition of Ascension Wisconsin North Region facilities to Aspirus, it is important to note that providers currently credentialed at Ascension facilities will not need to reapply for their privileges. To be clear, current privileges will remain as is. If you have questions, please contact Andrea Harsh, Regional Manager of Medical Staff Services, at andrea.harsh@ascension.org

Aspirus Employment Verification

The Aspirus HR team will continue to have on-site times for completion of I-9's and ID badge photos. All transitioning associates must complete this employment verification process, which will include completion of the I-9 form and a photo taken for ID badges. Employees can go to any of the identified locations to complete this employment verification. Adjustments have been made to the start times the following week at the hospital locations to 8am instead of 9am to make it easier for night shift associates to stop in after their shift.

Upcoming Locations:

[Click here for a list of specific room locations](#)

Eagle River (Kalmar Clinic): June 16, 8a-3p
Merrill (GSH): June 15, 8a-4p
Rhinelander (YMCA Rehab): June 15, 9-10a
Rhinelander (N. Ortho): June 15, 11:30a-12:30p
Rhinelander (Koller): June 15, 1:30-3p
Rhinelander (SMH): June 16, 8a-4p
Stanley (OLV): June 15, 8a-4p
Stevens Point (Maria Drive): June 16, 9-10:30a
Stevens Point (Hoover): June 16, 11:30a-1:30p
Stevens Point (SMH): June 16, 9a-4p
Stevens Point (Hwy 10): June 17, 9a-2p
Tomahawk (SHH): June 15, 8a-4:30p
Wausau (Westwood): June 16, 10a-12:30p
Woodruff (HYMC): June 17, 8a-2p

Transition Website:

A reminder that the Aspirus microsite is the best place to get information and submit questions regarding the transition. [Click here for transition website.](#)

IT Info

Ascension Technologies is providing guidance and updates on planned technical changes for the transition of Ascension Wisconsin's North Region to Aspirus.

Who is impacted?

Associates who are transitioning to Aspirus on Day 1.

What's Happening?

Since Google Shared Drives are shared across all of Ascension, those that were created by associates who will transition to Aspirus on Day 1 must flag their **Google Shared Drives (note: not Google Personal Drives)**.

What does this mean to you?

If you are an associate who is transitioning to Aspirus on Day 1, you will need to rename any of the Google Shared Drives you created with a prefix that identifies the drive as one that should migrate.

How to prepare?

For any Google Shared Drives you own and that should transition, please rename and prefix with "WIAPP-NR". Please complete this by June 30, 2021.

Example

Current: Cardiology Dept

Future: WIAPP-NR Cardiology Dept

How to rename?

1. Select folder
2. Right click and select "Rename"
3. Update the name
4. Click the blue Rename box.

Cattails Interim Solutions**Training Update:**

In preparation for the transition, training is required for all impacted end users. Access role-based training modules (refer to revision date for most current updates) and register for the appropriate virtual training sessions on the WI Cattails Interim Solution EHR Training [webpage](#). Note that eScription training is now available within your role-based training module. Once your assigned training module is complete, click the newly added Attestation button within the module to record completion. If you completed your assigned training module prior to June 9, go back into the module to submit your attestation.

If you currently have an athena account, check your access and contact the Service Desk if your account has expired prior to June 22. You should have received login information for new athena accounts from your manager. The athena training environment is now available.

Beginning at 8 a.m. on June 22, Cattails should no longer be utilized for documentation, medication reconciliation, or prescribing.

From June 22-28, a bridge line will be accessible to address questions/issues with 24/7 coverage. Additionally, onsite support will be available at St. Mary's Hospital in Rhinelander and St. Michael's Hospital in Stevens Point. More information regarding the Go-Live support plan will be forthcoming.

Have you seen the [FAQs](#) that are now posted on the Training Website? Questions posed to cattailstransitionsupport@ascension.org will continue to be answered on the FAQ document.