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QIS Update

The ISDH began Quality Indicator Survey (QIS) training in January 2011. In 2011 the ISDH completed QIS training for one team from each of the seven survey areas as well as training of trainers. In January 2012 the ISDH completed training of Area 3 survey teams.

The ISDH will begin training two teams on February 27, 2012. Each training class completes one week of classroom training followed by one mock survey and two surveys of record. The QIS Training class for February 27 through March 30, 2012, will include two teams from Area 6 and will complete QIS training for that area. Participants in this training will include:

Area 6B:

Patti Allen
Leia Alley
Dinah Jones
Marcy Smith

Area 6C:

Karina Gates
Barb Hughes
Beth Walsh
Courtney Mujic

Area 4C

Lora Brettnacher (Lora is a new surveyor and will be replacing a surveyor on a QIS Trained team)

Reimbursement for Aide Training Costs

The ISDH periodically receives questions about provider reimbursement for nurse aide training. While the ISDH does not have responsibility for reimbursement issues, the ISDH reviewed the question with the long term care provider associations. The ISDH provided the following information in April 2007. The ISDH reviewed the information with the provider associations and was requested to reprint.

From the ISDH Long Term Care Newsletter Volume 7 Issue 2 April 2007:

Reimbursement for NATCEP 42 CFR sec. 483.154(c)(3) provides that "If an individual who is not employed, or does not have an offer to be employed, as a nurse aide becomes employed by, or receives an offer of employment from, a facility not later than 12 months after completing a nurse aide training and competency evaluation program, the State must provide for the reimbursement of costs incurred in completing the program on a pro rata basis during the period in which the individual is employed as a nurse aide." Nursing facilities are required to reimburse employees for the cost of nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs incurred and paid by the employee.

The nursing facility is reimbursed by the State for these costs through the direct care component of the Medicaid rate in accordance with 405 IAC 1-14.6-2(m). Nursing facilities should record these costs on the nursing facility financial report that nursing facilities are required to submit to the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning's rate-setting contractor, Myers and Stauffer. Schedule E, Line 321 of the financial report is specifically dedicated for reporting costs associated with nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs (NATCEP). The costs include: (1) reimbursement made to nurse aides who personally incurred and paid the cost of the training classes, (2) wages for trainers, (3) costs associated with train-the-trainer, (4) training materials and supplies, and (5) costs for nurse aide testing.

Questions related to the nursing facility financial cost report should be directed to Myers and Stauffer at 317-846-9521. Questions about nurse aide training and competency evaluation programs can be directed to Gina Berkshire, R.N., at 317-233-4719.

Recalls

Phenylephrine HCl Injection, USP, 1% 5 mL Vial, (Lot# 0693) recalled.

Updated February 23, 2012

ISSUE: Recall initiated because some vials exhibit translucent visible particles consistent with glass delamination. Potential adverse events after intravenous administration include damage to blood vessels in the lung, localized swelling, and granuloma formation.

BACKGROUND: Glass delamination can occur with high pH solutions when the surface glass from the vial separates into thin layers, resulting in glass particles with a flaky appearance.

RECOMMENDATION: Hospitals, Home Health Care Agencies, Emergency Rooms, Infusion Centers, Clinics and other healthcare facilities should not use the recalled American Regent products. Recalled products should be immediately quarantined for return. Refer to Press Releases for specific lot numbers recalled.

Salter Labs 7600 Bubble Humidifier Used with Supplemental Oxygen Therapy: Class I Recall - Humidifier Lids Fail to Pop Off at the Intended Pressure

February 13, 2012

Special order patient kits were sold under the following brand names:

- Salter Labs
- AdvaCare
- Allcare Medical
- Memorial Home Services
- Therapy Support Inc.
- Mendo-Lake Home Respiratory Services
- MedAssurance Inc.
- Abundant Home Care

ISSUE: FDA notified healthcare professionals of a Class I recall of Salter Labs 7600 Bubble Humidifier. A manufacturing defect was discovered in certain lots of the 7600 Bubble Humidifiers, where the humidifier lids failed to pop off at the intended pressure. When the pop-off occurs, the brass slug does not always

reseat to the appropriate position. When the slug fails to reseat properly, the humidifier can leak. A humidifier leak will potentially interrupt the flow of supplemental oxygen to the patient. Hypoxemia may develop resulting in death or serious adverse health consequences.

BACKGROUND: The 7600 Bubble Humidifier is used for supplemental oxygen therapy. The humidifier is used to provide additional humidity to supplemental oxygen therapy. This product is a single-use device used in health care facilities and home health care. Model numbers include 7600-0-50, E7600-0-50, NP7600-0-50 and special order patient kits that contain 7600 bubble humidifiers. Lot numbers: 091911 and 092611.

RECOMMENDATION: Salter Labs contacted its direct customers on October 21, 2011, the date the recall was initiated, to inform them of the recall. Salter Labs instructed consumers who have the affected bubble humidifiers to examine its inventory of the recalled product and remove and quarantine all affected products.

Staff Update

The following is a survey staff update for January 2012 for the ISDH Division of Long Term Care.

New Long Term Care Surveyors:

Julie Call - hired as Public Health Nurse Surveyor on January 9, 2012, and assigned to Survey Area 3

Virginia Terveer - hired as Public Health Nurse Surveyor on January 23, 2012, and assigned to Survey Area 3

Melanie Strycker - hired as Public Health Nurse Surveyor on January 23, 2012, and assigned to Survey Area 4

Mark Caraher - rehired as a Medical Surveyor on January 23, 2012, and assigned to the Life Safety Code Survey Program

Brenda Nunan - rehired as a Public Health Nurse Surveyor on January 23, 2012, and assigned to the Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) Program

Departures: The following staff are no longer employed as part of the survey program. The ISDH thanks each of them for their years of service to the State and wishes them well in their new opportunities.

Carla Neary - Program Coordinator 3 hired on July 14, 1997, and resigned effective January 6, 2012

Miranda Benson - Administrative Assistant hired on May 19, 2008, and resigned effective January 20, 2012

Coming Events

March 20, 2012, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.: Indiana Long Term Care Leadership Conference, *Patient Safety*, Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis. Look for registration and conference information early next week in the next newsletter.

That is all for today. Have a good weekend.

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