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## **Long-term Care** **NEWSLETTER**

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### **LTC Update:**

- **Tuberculosis Guidance**
- **Ensuring Internet Access for Residents – Reminder**
- **Increased Transparency of Nursing Home Ownership**
- **Updated Guidance for Federal Monitoring Surveys**

### **Tuberculosis Guidance**

The IDOH Healthcare Facility Information Center webpage has been updated to include guidance for [Tuberculosis Screening and Testing of Healthcare Personnel](#). This updated information, as well as program advisory letters and Tuberculosis Assessment and Testing of Long-term Care Residents, can be found on the [Healthcare Facility Information Center](#) under the heading “Division of Long Term Care.”

Long-term care rules and regulations questions should be directed to the IDOH Division of Long-term Care at [LTCRulesandRegualtions@health.IN.gov](mailto:LTCRulesandRegualtions@health.IN.gov).

If you have general questions about tuberculosis, please refer to [TB Prevention and Care Program](#) contact information.

### **Ensuring Internet Access for Residents – Reminder**

CMS is soliciting information from facilities that do not have facility-wide wireless internet access for residents to explore the reasons and possible solutions. CMS requests that any nursing home that does not have facility-wide WiFi accessible to all residents complete the [Facility-Wide Wireless Internet Facility Questionnaire](#) and submit the form to [CMP-info@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:CMP-info@cms.hhs.gov) no later than Dec. 22. CMS will then assess the

number of facilities without this capability and the reasons for the lack of access to determine if Civil Money Penalty (CMP) funds can be used for a project to help address these issues.

For more information, see CMS's Center for Clinical Standards and Quality letter, [QSO-23-23-NHs](#), dated Sept. 25.

### **Increased Transparency of Nursing Home Ownership**

On Nov. 15, CMS finalized a rule in the [Federal Register](#) requiring facilities enrolled in Medicare or Medicaid to disclose additional details about ownership, management, and financial control. This [CMS Fact Sheet](#) provides an overview of the rule. The rule is effective Jan. 16, 2024; however, nursing homes will not be expected to comply until CMS issues sub-regulatory guidance.

### **Updated Guidance for Federal Monitoring Surveys**

CMS conducts federal monitoring surveys to verify the accuracy of state surveys. The two main types of validation surveys are (a) comparative surveys, in which a CMS team conducts an independent survey within 60 days of the state survey to compare results, and (b) observational surveys, in which a CMS team accompanies the state team to observe their process.

CMS announced focus concerns and guidance on how CMS staff will conduct Federal Monitoring Surveys for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 in its [Administrative Information letter 24-05-NH](#).