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LTC Update:

- **Guidance and Survey Process for Reviewing Home Dialysis Services in a Nursing Home**
- **Trash and Laundry Best Practices**
- **Statewide NATCEP Waiver Ending March 29**

Guidance and Survey Process for Reviewing Home Dialysis Services in a Nursing Home

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) posted [QSO-19-24-ESRD REVISED](#) on March 22 with guidance and survey process for reviewing home dialysis services in a nursing home. The End-Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) Core Survey Process has been updated to include additional survey activities which evaluate dialysis services provided by an ESRD facility to residents in an LTC facility.

Trash and Laundry Best Practices

Ensuring safe practices with trash handling, laundry disposal and transport can help reduce the risk of transmission of infections in facilities. Best practices on trash and laundry for transmission-based precautions rooms can be accessed via this [link](#) or by visiting the [IDOH Infection Prevention Website](#).

Statewide NATCEP Waiver Ending March 29

Our statewide Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Program (NATCEP) waiver for Indiana has been in effect since Sept. 29 to allow more time to certify nurse aides. The aides may continue to work in the facility past four months, as long as the aide and facility are attempting to get the aide certified as soon as possible. This waiver was granted until the end of the federal Public Health Emergency (PHE) or March 29 (six months), whichever comes first. The PHE is ending

on May 11. Therefore, this statewide NATCEP waiver for Indiana will end March 29. The four month timeframe begins again on that date, giving nurse aides until July 29 to get certified. This waiver was granted due to testing capacity issues, which have improved. Even with this approved waiver, there should be no delay in training and testing nurse aides. Aides hired on March 29 or after, are limited to the four month requirement to get certified.