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# LONG TERM CARE NEWSLETTER

## ISDH Long Term Care Newsletter Issue 2017-08 June 30, 2017

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## CMS Update

### **Revision of State Operations Manual (SOM) Appendix PP for Phase 2, F-Tag Revision, and Related Issues**

Revised Medicare and Medicaid requirements for participation for Long Term Care (LTC) facilities were released on September 28, 2016 and became effective as of November 28, 2016, with a three-part phase-in of implementation dates over three years. These requirements include the minimum health and safety standards that long term care facilities must meet to participate in Medicaid and Medicare. The implementation date for Phase 2 is November 28, 2017.

CMS is releasing the revised version of Appendix PP that includes interpretive guidelines. The existing interpretive guidelines were reviewed and updated where necessary to ensure that the standards and examples were clear. In some interpretive guidelines a new section was added titled "Key Elements for Noncompliance" intended to guide surveyors and facilities about the key behaviors and practices identified in the regulation.

Additional information is available in [S&C 17-36-NH Revision of State Operations Manual \(SOM\) Appendix PP for Phase 2, F-Tag Revision, and Related Issue](#) includes the following:

- Revised [SOM Appendix PP with Interpretive Guidelines \(IG\)](#)
- Revised [F-tags - Phase 2 Crosswalk](#)
- Survey Process
- Training Resources
- Enforcement and Nursing Home Compare Considerations

### **Requirement to Reduce *Legionella* Risk in Healthcare Facility Water Systems**

Legionnaires' Disease, a severe sometimes fatal pneumonia, can occur in persons who inhale aerosolized droplets of water contaminated with the bacterium *Legionella*. In a recent review of Legionnaires' Disease outbreaks in the United States occurring in 200-2014, nineteen percent (19%) of outbreaks were associated

with long term care facilities and fifteen percent (15%) with hospitals.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) is aware of multiple recent Legionnaires' Disease outbreaks in hospitals and long term care facilities as reported by the CDC, state and local health departments, or investigated by State Survey Agencies. Outbreaks generally are linked to environmental reservoirs in large or complex water systems, including those found in health care facilities such as hospitals and long term care facilities. Transmission from these water systems to humans requires aerosol generation, as can occur from showerheads, cooling towers and decorative fountains. *Legionella* is less commonly spread by aspiration of drinking water or ice.

CMS expects Medicare certified healthcare facilities to have water management policies and procedures to reduce the risk of growth and spread of *Legionella* and other opportunistic pathogens in building water systems.

Additional information available in: S&C 17-30 - *Hospitals/ CAHs/ NHs* -- REVISED 06.09.2017 -- [Requirement to Reduce \*Legionella\* Risk in Healthcare Facility Water Systems to Prevent Cases and Outbreaks of Legionnaires' Disease \(LD\)](#) (\*\*Revised to Clarify Provider Types Affected\*\*)

### **New Guidance for the Formatting of the Plans of Corrections (PoCs)**

Providers/Suppliers and Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (CLIA) Laboratories will no longer be required to write their plan of correction (PoC) on the right side of the CMS Form 2567. Plan of correction information may be submitted on a separate document attachment or may continue to document on the CMS 2567.

The Laboratory Director or Provider/ Supplier Representative's signature is still required on the first page of the CMS Form 2567. The plan of correction can be sent as an attachment to the signed first page of the CMS Form 2567. The plan of correction content expectations for approval has not changed. An acceptable plan of correction must still contain the following elements:

- The plan of correcting the specific deficiency. The plan should address the processes that lead to the deficiency cited;
- The procedure for implementing the acceptable plan of correction for the specific deficiency cited;
- The monitoring procedure to ensure that the plan of correction is effective and that specific deficiency cited remains corrected and /or in compliance with the regulatory requirements;
- The title of the person responsible for implementing the acceptable plan of correction.

Additional information available in: S&C 17-34- ALL - [New Guidance for the Formatting of the Plans of Correction](#)

## **Indiana MDS 3.0 Training**

The Indiana State Department of Health will be hosting MDS 3.0 Training Sessions. MDS Coordinators and back up Coordinators are encouraged to attend. Items reviewed will include, Medicare Part A Discharge Assessment, Sections G, GG, N, and P, and the changes for October 1, 2017.

There are five sessions scheduled throughout the state. The [MDS Training Sessions Schedule](#) has additional information. To register for a session contact Barb Wheeler, RN, Indiana MDS Coordinator at [bwheeler@isdh.in.gov](mailto:bwheeler@isdh.in.gov) of phone 317-233-4719. There is no charge for this training.

## **Pioneer Network Conference - July 30 - August 2**

2017 Pioneer Network Annual Conference  
BE THE FUTURE:  
Person-Directed Care Is Happening - Be a Part of It  
July 30 - August 2, 2017  
Rosemont, Illinois

Pioneer Network hosts an annual conference to showcase innovative thoughts and best practices in the long term care culture change movement as well as providing an opportunity for people interested in any aspect of culture change to network and inspire each other. This conference strives to have events that are meaningful for people who are on the culture change journey to build a sense of home and community. To register for the conference [click here](#).

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** The Indiana Person-Directed Care Coalition will be gathering at the Pioneer Network Conference for the July Quarterly Coalition meeting. Please consider joining this group to discuss Culture Change in Indiana.

## Mid-America Institute on Aging and Wellness Conference

The University of Southern Indiana (USI) and SWIRCA & More, the Area Agency on Aging for southwestern Indiana, are teaming up for the 10th annual Mid-America Institute on Aging and Wellness, to be held on the USI campus August 9-11, 2017.

Teepa Snow, one of America's leading educators on dementia, is returning to USI to present a Pre-Conference Workshop August 9 for direct care providers who care for persons with dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Her Positive Approach® philosophy is based on years of medical research and her background in occupational therapy. This workshop offers participants a hands-on opportunity to try out new caregiving skills in a safe, engaging environment.

Keynote speakers on August 10 and 11 include:

- Bill Thomas, MD, best known for his health care innovations, The Eden Alternative and The Green House®
- Faith Roberts, a nurse administrator/storyteller from Urbana, Illinois
- Dean M. Hartley, PhD, the director of Science Initiatives at the Alzheimer's Association
- Neha Sangwan, MD, an Internal Medicine physician from San Francisco

There are a variety of concurrent sessions planned of interest to health care and social service professionals, health care administrators, clinicians, older adults, retirees, family members providing care for a loved one, students, and anyone who wants to learn tips for leading a healthier life.

**Dates:** August 10 and 11, 2017 with pre-conference workshop for direct care providers with dementia care expert Teepa Snow on August 9.

**More information:** [www.USI.edu/maia](http://www.USI.edu/maia).

**Deadline for reduced registration rate:** July 30.