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Education Information

Emergency Disaster Management for Long Term Care

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) and the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community is conducting an Emergency Disaster Management (EDM) training for long term care professionals in Indiana. This project is funded by a civil money penalty (CMP) grant.

Participants will gain a deeper understanding of the emergency management process through four phases of preparedness, response, planning and mitigation. The training includes table top exercises, online discussion forums, and traditional content delivery to improve both competency and confidence in meeting and exceeding Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) standards in emergency management.

Locations & Date:

Indianapolis, IN -- March 5 & 19, 2019 ([click to register](#))

Fort Wayne, IN -- June 24 & July 8, 2019

Additional locations and dates -- TBD

Cost: \$53.00

For more information: Contact Kennedy Doyle at doylek@uindy.edu or 317.791.5920 .

Annual In-service Training -- Qualified Medication Aides (QMA)

The Ivy Tech Corporate College Northwest Workforce Alignment will be conducting QMA in-service training. The six hour course is being provided in both a face-to-face and online format option. For additional information [click here](#) or contact Sarah Bierbaum at 260.480.4118.

Long Term Care Update

Reporting of Emergency Activation System

Recently, there have been incidents where facilities had fires that have required the initiation of the Emergency Activation System. The Long Term Care (LTC) Division's [Incident Reporting Policy](#) page 12 states that "3. Information related to an evacuation or an event involving the Emergency Management Agency must be reported to 317.460.7287 at any time." In the event of a fire, in addition to the notification of the fire department the LTC Division should also be contacted at 317.460.7287. Questions related to this reporting policy should be sent to incidents@isdh.in.gov .

F 573 - Resident Records

Federal regulation F 573 pertains to the resident's right to access / purchase copies of records. The regulation states "The resident has the right to access personal and medical records pertaining to him or herself," On 12/01/2018, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid (CMS) Region V provided clarification that this would also include residents discharged or deceased. Questions can be sent to Debbie Beers at dbeers@isdh.in.gov or 317.233.7067.

CMS Update

[QSOG 19-04-NH/HHA/CLIA --Notice of Final Rule Adjusting Civil Monetary Penalties \(CMPs\) for Inflation](#)

The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvement Act of 2015 amends the Federal Civil Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 which was enacted to improve the effectiveness of federal CMPs and to maintain their deterrent effect. The 2015 Act required agencies to make an initial "catch up" adjustment, and annual inflation adjustments thereafter through final rulemaking. The October 11, 2018, final rule provides for an adjustment of CMPs that may be imposed for noncompliance by SNF/NFs, HHAs, and Clinical Laboratories. For 2018, CMPs have been increased by a multiplier of 1.02041. The annual adjustments are based on the percentage change of Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the month of October of a current year exceeds the CPI for the month of October of the previous year.

The final rule can be found at this [website](#) or [federal register website](#) .

CMP amounts are posted on the [Survey and Certification website](#) .

Click [QSOG 19-04-NH/HHA/CLIA](#) for additional information.