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Department
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Health

Long-term Care **NEWSLETTER**

LTC Newsletter 2022-25
June 16, 2022

LTC Update:

- **CMS QSO-22-17-ALL**
- **Heat Wave – Reminders**
- **Indiana Healthcare Leadership Conference – Save the Date**

CMS QSO-22-17-ALL

CMS memo [QSO-22-17-ALL](#), posted on 6/14/2022 includes the following:

Survey oversight of the staff vaccination requirement for Medicare and Medicaid-certified providers and suppliers will continue to be performed during initial and recertification surveys but will now only be performed in response to complaints alleging noncompliance with this requirement, not all complaint surveys. Under prior guidance, all surveys included oversight of the staff vaccination requirement. CMS will revise QSO 22-11 to ensure deficiency determinations reflect good faith efforts implemented by providers and suppliers and incorporate harm or potential harm to patients and residents resulting from any noncompliance.

Heat Wave – Reminders

As Indiana experiences a late spring heat wave, we want to provide some reminders:

Both federal regulations and state rules require the facility to provide a safe, clean and comfortable environment for residents, staff and the public.

F584 §483.10(i) Safe Environment. The resident has a right to a safe, clean, comfortable and homelike environment, including but not limited to receiving treatment and supports for daily living safely.

§483.10(i)(6) Comfortable and safe temperature levels. Facilities initially certified after October 1, 1990 must maintain a temperature range of 71 to 81°F.

F921 §483.90(i) Other Environmental Conditions. The facility must provide a safe, functional, sanitary, and comfortable environment for residents, staff and the public.

State rule 410 IAC 16.2-3.1-19

(h) The facility must provide comfortable and safe temperature levels.

(i) Each facility shall have an adequate heating and air conditioning system.

State residential rule 410 IAC 16.2-5-1.6

(c) Each facility shall have an adequate air conditioning system, as governed by applicable rules of the fire prevention and building safety commission (675 IAC). The air conditioning system shall be maintained in normal operating condition and utilized as necessary to provide comfortable temperatures in all resident and public areas.

Reporting requirements: According to state rule 410 IAC 16.2-3.1-13(g)(1) and residential state rule 410 IAC 16.2-5-1.3(g)(1), facilities are also required to report to the state incident reporting system for unusual occurrences that directly threaten the welfare, safety or health of the residents. This includes utility interruption of more than four hours in length in one or more major utilities to the facility (such as fire alarm, sprinkler system, phone services, electrical, water supply, plumbing [i.e., sewage disposal/backup] or heat or air conditioning); or any interruption of utility services due to nonpayment.

In addition to air conditioning, residents may require additional cold beverages and more frequent checks as the temperature remains elevated.

Indiana Healthcare Leadership Conference – Save the Date

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Indiana Healthcare Leadership Conference

MENTAL HEALTH CHALLENGES IN LONG-TERM CARE

Working Together for Solutions



Date: Thursday,
October 13, 2022

Where: Virtual or
In-Person at the Indiana
Convention Center

Who Should Attend:
Every licensed
comprehensive care facility
should send two persons.
Representatives from
long term care provider
organizations and interest
groups are also invited to
attend. All IDOH long term
care surveyors will attend.



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