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*January 2009: Go for a Walk*

- *Pick a daily destination*
- *Keep it fun*
- *Stay safe*

State Health Commissioner Judy Monroe, M.D. writes monthly prescriptions for Indiana that address important health issues. Check back regularly to read her latest Rx.

## CMS Training Website Instructions

Several providers indicated difficulty in using the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) training website. The following are the instructions for accessing the CMS Training Website:

For providers or public:

- Go to <http://surveyortraining.cms.hhs.gov/>
- To view a live broadcast, on the day of the broadcast go to the site and click on the "view now" (or something similar) button that will be present. Registration is NOT necessary for providers or public. Prior to the broadcast the course description, handouts, etc., are available by clicking the "More Information".
- To view archived broadcast, provider tools, trainer tools, etc., just click on the title.
- Only surveyors and certification specialists need to register.

## CMS Updates

CMS Survey and Certification Letter 09-20: Survey and Certification Issues Related to Liability Notices and Beneficiary Appeal Rights in Nursing Homes (1/9/09)

This memorandum reviews a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF) provider's obligations to issue Medicare beneficiary liability notices, a Medicare beneficiary's rights related to standard claim and expedited appeals; and the surveyor's responsibility to determine compliance with Medicare notice and billing requirements for determinations of non-coverage. The SNF provider must inform the beneficiary of potential liability for payment for non-covered services when limitation of liability applies and must provide a written notice to the Medicare beneficiary explaining his/her right to file an expedited appeal upon termination of all Medicare covered services. The information in this memo will be moved to Sub-Task 5C and a new section on Liability Notices and Beneficiary Appeal Rights will be created. Appendix P of the SOM, Survey Protocol for Long Term Care Facilities, Part VII will be deleted. Attached are the following:

- [S&C 09-20.01 SNF Appeals Notice Memo](#)

- [S&C 09-20.02 SNF Appeals Notice Chart](#)
- [S&C 09-20.03 SNF Appeals Notice SOM Guidance](#)

### Emergency Planning

CMS informs us about a CDC website, SNAPS: Snap Shots of State Population Data, that could be helpful in emergency planning. The website is: <http://emergency.cdc.gov/snaps/>. SNAPS is a free service to the public that provides local level community profile information nationwide. It can be browsed by County and State and searched by zip code. SNAPS serves as a valuable tool when responding to public health emergency events at the State, Tribal, and local levels. It provides a "snap shot" of key variables for consideration in guiding and tailoring health education and communication efforts to ensure diverse audiences receive critical public health messages that are accessible, understandable, and timely.

### Recalls

On December 30, 2008, the Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a recall alert for Notifier Fire Alarm Control Panels, which were recalled voluntarily by the manufacturer. The software in the fire alarm system could fail to process an alarm condition which could result in the system failing to respond in the event of a fire. The control panel is black or red with a silver screen. "NOTIFIER" or "NOTIFIER by Honeywell" is printed on the front of the fire alarm unit. This recall includes the following model numbers: Firmware version 11.2.2 for NFS2-640 and NFS-320 control panels and firmware version 3.14.1 for and NFS-640 control panels. The full alert can be found at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsc/pub/prerel/prhtml09/09717.html>.

## Updates on Salmonella Typhimurium Outbreak

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reports that peanut butter products continue to be added to the recall list. There are now over 125 products on the recall list. A list of currently recalled products can be found on the [FDA's web site](#).

That is all for this week. Best wishes for the coming week.

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Visit the ISDH Division of Long Term Care home page at <http://www.in.gov/isdh/23260.htm> for information on long term care.