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## CMS Update

Survey and Certification Letter 09-22: Revised Quality of Care Guidance at F309

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued [Survey and Certification Letter 09-22](#) on revised quality of care guidance at F309. Revised guidance for long term care surveyors at F309, Quality of Care, including a new general investigative protocol and new pain management guidance and investigative protocol will be effective March 31, 2009

GAO Report Released

The United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) released its report *Medicare and Medicaid Participating Facilities: CMS Needs to Reexamine Its Approach for Funding State Oversight of Health Care Facilities*. In this study GAO evaluated survey funding, state workloads, and federal oversight of states' use of funds since fiscal year 2000 to determine if federal funding had kept pace with the changing workload. The report may be found at <http://www.gao.gov/new.items/d0964.pdf>.

## QMA Instructor Course

**Qualified Medication Aide (QMA) Instructor Education Course**  
**Wednesday, May 6, 2009 7:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. ET**  
**Holiday Inn Express, I-65 and County Line Road, 1180 Wilson Drive, Greenwood, IN.**

The program will review program operational standards to be used in the development and presentation of an educational program for qualified medication aide (QMA). Adult learning concepts, teaching strategies, and assessment of learning as applied to the standards will also be presented. There must be ten (10) participants for the course to be held. Cost is: \$175 and includes the QMA Instructor guide.

Registration for the course is online at: <http://nursing.iupui.edu/continuing/qma/index.shtml> . For questions contact the IU School of Nursing Office of Lifelong Learning at: [censg@iupui.edu](mailto:censg@iupui.edu) or 317-274-7779.

## Restraint Webinar

Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes is conducting a Webinar on reducing restraints safely. The Webinar is March 31, 2009, at 3:00 EST. The Webinar is open to Directors of Nursing, Certified Nursing Assistants, Administrators, Family and Resident Councils, and state surveyors. Attached is the [Webinar announcement](#).



That is all for this week.

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