

ISDH Long Term Care  
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## CMS Update

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued two new Survey and Certification Letters pertaining to nursing homes.

S&C 11-38-NH: Food Procurement Requirements

CMS issued [Survey and Certification Letter # 11-38-NH](#) pertaining to compliance with food procurement requirements for nursing homes with gardens producing foods for residents. Facilities with nursing home gardens are compliant with the food procurement requirements at 42 CFR 483.35(i), Sanitary Conditions, Tag F371 as long as the facilities have and follow policies and procedures for maintaining the gardens.

The facility should immediately report any outbreaks of food borne illnesses, from any cause, to their local health department. Surveyors should request the policy and procedures for maintaining nursing home gardens if there is an outbreak of food-borne illness and the facility's primary food service source has been rule out as the cause of the outbreak.

S&C 11-37-NH: Advance Copy of Issuance of Revisions to Interpretive Guidance at F tag 322, as Part of Appendix PP, State Operations Manual (SOM)

CMS issued [Survey and Certification Letter # 11-37-NH](#) pertaining to F322. CMS made changes to surveyor guidance for feeding tubes in Appendix PP of the SOM to provide clarification to nursing home surveyors when determining compliance with the regulatory requirements for feeding tubes. The regulatory language will remain unchanged. CMS deleted F tag 321 which contained language about not using feeding tubes unless unavoidable, and incorporated the guidance into F tag 322.

This revision will be implemented on November 30, 2011. At that time, a final copy of this new guidance will be available at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/> and ultimately incorporated into Appendix PP of the SOM.

## QIS Update

The ISDH is beginning the training of two new long term care survey teams on the CMS Quality Indicator Survey (QIS) Process. The two teams begin classroom training on Monday, September 12. The following are the teams and surveyors that will begin QIS training on September 12.

[ISDH LTC Survey Area 6](#)

Laura Brashear  
Teresa Buske  
Mary Weyls  
Debra Skinner

#### ISDH LTC Survey Area 0

Sharon Lasher  
Barbara Gray  
Angel Tomlinson  
Leslie Parrett  
Vallie Cassette

## Staff Update

The following is a staff update for August 2011 for the ISDH Division of Long Term Care.

#### New Long Term Care Surveyors

Vicki Ellis – Public Health Nurse Surveyor - Survey Area 5

Barbara Fowler – Public Health Nurse Surveyor - Survey Area 5

Shelly Miller-Vice – Public Health Nurse Surveyor - Survey Area 2

Miles Collins – Medical Surveyor - Enforcement

#### Transfers

Mary Jane Fischer – Public Health Nurse Surveyor - Survey Area 6 [transferred back to long term care from the Division of Acute Care]

#### Departures

The following surveyors are no longer employed with the ISDH. We thank them for their service to the state and wish them well in their new opportunities.

Stacey Newton – Public Health Nurse Surveyor Supervisor – Survey Area 1 – four years of service from February 2007

## Coming Events

October 27, 2011: Indiana Healthcare Leadership Conference, *Improving Care Coordination and Transition*, Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, Indiana.

That is all for today. Have a nice weekend.

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