



# LONG TERM CARE NEWSLETTER

**ISDH Long Term Care  
Newsletter Issue 2015-10  
May 7, 2015**

**In Today's Issue:**

- CMS Update
  - > SC 13-22-NH Life Safety Code Short Form Survey
  - > SC 15-35-NH Collection of Staffing Data
  - > SC 15-36-ALL New Instructions for Providers Filing an Appeal
  - > SC 15-37-NH Proposed Rule: SNF Medicare FY 2016 Payments
  - > Partnership to Improve Dementia Care Update
- National Nurses Week - May 6-12, 2015

## CMS Update

### **SC 13-22-NH Life Safety Code (LSC) Short Form Survey for Nursing Homes**

The fire safety record of nursing homes has improved due to the installation of automatic sprinkler systems, and should continue to improve as more nursing homes complete full installation of sprinkler systems. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will permit States, at the State's option, to implement a Short Form Fire Safety Survey for a limited number of specified facilities that have demonstrated superior compliance with life safety code requirements and are fully sprinklered. Indiana LSC surveyors completed training on using the Short Form LSC survey process. The plan is to begin using this form on a select few surveys beginning in late May. Facilities will be selected based on eligibility as determined by CMS, our knowledge of an facility's history/background/recent complaints or incidents, and staff availability. The LSC surveyor will do the Short Form Survey during the annual health survey.

### **SC 15-35-NH Collection of Staffing Data**

CMS has developed a system for facilities to submit staffing and census information. This system, the Payroll-Based Journal (PBJ), will allow staffing information to be collected on a regular and more frequent basis than currently collected. All long term care facilities will have access to this system. CMS intends to collect staffing data through the PBJ system on a voluntary basis beginning on October 1, 2015, and on a mandatory basis beginning on July 1, 2016. Registration for voluntary submission will begin in August 2015. CMS will communicate more information at that time. More information about this system is available by clicking [here](#).

### **SC 15-36-ALL New Instructions for Providers Filing an Appeal with the Departmental Appeals Board (DAB)**

Effective October 1, 2014, providers that disagree with actions imposed on their facility and want to request a hearing with an Administrative Law Judge in the Civil Remedies Division must submit their request electronically to the Departmental Appeals Board using the DAB E-File at <https://dab.efile.hhs.gov>. In order to utilize the electronic filing system, petitioners must first become a registered user. Please note that all documents must be submitted in Portable Document Format ("pdf."). [DAB E-File](#)

[Instructions](#) and [Appeal Rights Notice](#)

## **SC 15-37-NH Proposed Rule: SNF Medicare FY 2016 Payments, Quality Reporting, Value-Based Purchasing and Staffing Requirements - Informational Only**

Publication of Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System (PPS) and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF) for FY 2016, SNF Value-Based Purchasing Program, SNF Quality Reporting Program, and Staffing Data Collection: A notice of proposed rule-making regarding the collection of staffing data in long-term care facilities was published on April 20, 2015. The proposed rule would implement the new requirements regarding the submission of staffing data to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) based on payroll and other verifiable and auditable data. [Proposed rule](#) and [CMS Fact Sheet](#)

## **[Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes Antipsychotic Drug use in Nursing Homes Trend Update](#)**

The National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes is committed to improving the quality of care for individuals with dementia living in nursing homes. CMS is tracking the progress of the Partnership by reviewing publicly reported measures. The official measure of the Partnership is the percentage of long-stay nursing home residents who are receiving an antipsychotic medication, excluding those residents diagnosed with schizophrenia, Huntington's Disease or Tourette's Syndrome. In 2011 Q4 23.9% of long-stay nursing home residents were receiving an antipsychotic medication. There has since been a decrease of 20.1% to a national prevalence of 19.1% in 2014 Q4. Success has varied by state and CMS region with some states and regions having seen a reduction of greater than 20%. A three-quarter measure is posted to the Nursing Home Compare website at: [www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare](http://www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare).

## **National Nurses Week - May 6-12, 2015**

National Nurse's Week begins each year on May 6th and ends on May 12th, Florence Nightingale's birthday. It is a time to recognize the vital role nurses have played everywhere. Nurses are the backbone of health care systems around the world, handling difficult situations, managing crisis and working long days to help improve lives of those entrusted to their care. As a nurse, there is the opportunity to heal the heart, mind, soul and body of individuals and their families.



"They may not remember your name but they will never forget the way you made them feel." -- Maya Angelou