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CMS Update

Long-Term Care Facility (LTCF) Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) - DRAFT

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released [SC 16-25-NH - Long-Term Care Facility \(LTCF\) Resident Assessment Instrument \(RAI\)](#) which has information related to the DRAFT RAI Manual.

The DRAFT RAI Manual v1.14 was posted to the [Nursing Home Quality Initiative](#) web page. The manual is located in the downloads section of the web page so users can preview significant changes before the effective date of October 1, 2016. There are many item set changes, including the new Chapter 3, Section GG; Functional Abilities and Goals. Chapter 2 and Chapter 3, Section A provide information on the new Part A PPS Discharge assessment.

Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 - 2017 Nursing Home Action Plan

The FY 2016 to 2017 Nursing Home Action Plan was released in [SC 16-26-NH](#). The [Survey and Certification Group 2016/2017 Nursing Home Action Plan](#) guides CMS' efforts to continue to improve nursing home safety and quality. The Plan outlines five inter-related and coordinated approaches - or principles of action - for nursing home quality, ultimately aligning with CMS' main goals. The Plan is organized into five actionable strategies:

1. Enhance Consumer Awareness and Assistance,
2. Strengthen Survey Processes, Standards and Training,
3. Improve Enforcement Activities,
4. Promote Quality Improvement, and
5. Create Strategic Approaches through Partnerships.

The [CMS Survey and Certification Group 2016/2017 Nursing Home Action Plan](#) is located on the CMS website in the download section.

Residential Care Rule on Room Furnishings

According to the residential rules at 410 IAC 16.2-5-1.6, it is the responsibility of the residential care facility to furnish a resident's room with the following, if requested by the resident/family:

- Bed
- Bedside cabinet or table
- Cushioned comfortable chair
- Bedside lamp
- Adjustable over-the-bed table, if the resident is bedfast

The ISDH recently heard from some consumers - involving more than one residential care provider - that they are being told that the resident must provide all of their own furniture, including the bed. The ISDH recognizes that for comfort and familiarity most people would prefer to bring their own furniture. Facilities may not however make this a requirement of admission and must be prepared to offer and provide the appropriate furnishings as required by the rules. Likewise, the facility may not require the resident to use the facility's furnishings if the resident prefers to bring their own.