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CMS Update

Nursing Home Enforcement Information Announcement

Federal health care facility regulations provide that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) may impose one or more enforcement remedies when a facility is out of compliance with Medicare and Medicaid program participation requirements.

As part of CMS's ongoing efforts to ensure transparency, consistency of application of enforcement remedies, and data management to track enforcement actions across the nation [SC 16-27-NH Public Release of Nursing Home Enforcement Information Announcement](#) has information related to CMS posting of enforcement information. This information includes data on nursing home enforcement actions between 2006 and 2014. The information will be posted on the [CMS website](#).

Update Report on the National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes

In 2011 the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) of the Department of Health and Human Services released a report underscoring the high use of atypical antipsychotic medications for "off-label" indications among nursing home residents. According to this report, 83% of atypical antipsychotic drug claims were for elderly nursing home residents who had not been diagnosed with a condition for which antipsychotic medications were approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). In early 2012, in response to the OIG report as well as concern from advocates and commitment from providers associations and other stakeholders, CMS established the National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes.

The CMS has released [SC 16-28-NH Update Report on the National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes](#). The report provides a brief overview of the National Partnership, summarizes activities following the release of Survey & Certification policy memorandum 14-19-NH, and outlines next steps. The report also describes the results of the Focused Dementia Care Surveys conducted in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015. The [Update Report on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services \(CMS\) National Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes](#) covers the period of Calendar Year (CY) 2014 Quarter 2 through CY2015 Quarter 3.

Division of Aging Update

Pre-Admission Screening Resident Review (PASRR) Redesign Update

Indiana's Pre-Admission Screening (PAS) process is scheduled to change June 30, 2016. As a result of the SEA 465 legislative action, the FSSA Division of Aging has worked with stakeholders including nursing facilities, hospitals, and the Area Agencies on Aging along with their corresponding trade associations, resulting in the development and upcoming implementation of a person-centered, efficient, and effective process that will replace current practices.

The Division of Aging has contracted with Ascend Management Innovations to assist with the design and execution of the new Pre-Admission Screening Resident Review (PASRR) process, which uses existing PASRR federal requirements as the basis for a redesigned system without introducing legislation for a new statute. The new system will "go live" July 1, 2016. It is essential that all providers are ready to use the new process in order to avoid any unnecessary delays in transitioning individuals into a nursing facility from a hospital setting or from the community.

To assure a smooth transition in service delivery to Hoosiers, it is strongly encouraged to stay current by visiting the [PASRR Redesign page](#) on the Division of Aging's website. Please also visit [Ascend's website for tools and resources](#) including a new comprehensive PASRR provider manual, which provides information needed to know about PASRR, descriptions of the new PASRR Level I and Level of Care processes, and a searchable list of regularly updated FAQs.

Remember to register on both websites to receive ongoing PASRR newsletter updates. Question can be sent to PASRR@fssa.in.gov. The Division of Aging appreciates the continued dedication to serving consumers in the most appropriate setting while receiving the most appropriate services possible.