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CMS Update

Adoption of the 2012 LSC & the 2012 HCFC

On May 4, 2016, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) adopted the 2012 Life Safety Code (LSC) and the 2012 Health Care Facilities Code (HCFC). The final rule eliminates all references to the previously adopted 2000 edition of the LSC and requires providers and suppliers to comply with the 2012 LSC with certain modifications and the 2012 HCFC excluding chapters 7, 8, 12, and 13 by the effective date of July 5, 2016. CMS will begin surveying facilities for compliance with the 2012 edition of the LSC and HCFC on November 1, 2016. Surveyors will continue to use the current process, tags and forms until November 1, 2016.

Additional information is available in [SC 16-29-LSC Adoption of the 2012 edition of the National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\) 101-Life Safety Code \(LSC\) and 2012 edition of the NFPA 99 - Health Care Facilities Code \(HCFC\)](#). The final rule was published in the Federal Register (Vol.81, No. 86) entitled "[Medicare and Medicaid Programs: Fire Safety Requirement for Certain Health Care Facilities](#)".

Qsource - *Clostridium difficile* Control and Prevention Project

More than 100,000 *Clostridium difficile* infections are developed among residents in U.S. nursing homes each year. One out of nine people aged 65 years or older with a healthcare-associated *Clostridium difficile* infection died within 30 days following their diagnosis. *Clostridium difficile* infections result in considerable suffering for residents in long term care facilities as well as increased costs for healthcare systems.

The [National Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative](#) is working with Qsource to provide participants with an opportunity to implement effective infection control and prevention systems. This project will extend through December 2018. The [Participant Agreement](#) provides detailed information regarding the benefits and expectations.

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