

FYI -- Updates



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Advanced Directive – Resident Right Information

When Appendix PP was revised in November 2004, changes were made other than those areas relating to the revised guidelines for F-314 [pressure ulcer treatment/prevention]. On change, may be found in F-156 [Resident Rights/Advanced Directives]. Section §483.10(b)(7) requires-- The facility must furnish a **written** description of legal rights which includes--

- (iv) A statement that the resident may file a complaint with the State survey and certification agency concerning resident abuse, neglect, and misappropriation of resident property in the facility, **and non-compliance with the advance directives requirements.**

Please note that the revisions to the Interpretive Guidelines for F-314 and the “advanced copy” of the revisions to F-315/316 [urinary incontinence/indwelling catheters] both have discussion about identifying and following the resident’s Advanced Directive. *NOTE: you may wish to review your information that is provided on admission and periodically to the residents regarding their rights.*

QI/QMs – change in effective date -- The date of the new MDS QI/QM report deployment has tentatively changed to July 17, 2005. An *advanced copy* of revision to Appendix P that outlines changes to the survey process [QIS], including new instructions for completing the CMS 802 and information on the QI Reports may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/survey-cert/letters.asp>. Final issuance is anticipated in about 2 months.

DAVe – The Dave project may be “dead” but DAVE is still kicking. In a 6/17/05 memo to the Fiscal Intermediaries, CMS instructed the FIs to take appropriate payment adjustment actions to claims that had been referred to them by the DAVE project. Instructions for adjustments include both overpayment and underpayment.

F-501 Medical Director – on June 9, 2005 CMS releases Advanced Copy of Revised Interpretive Guidelines effective November 2004. A copy of these guidelines may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/survey-cert/sc0529.pdf>

Pressure Ulcer Resource Handbook – CHC has compiled a PU Resource Handbook that is intended to provide the nursing facility with the necessary education and tools to develop and sustain an effective program for preventing, identifying, treating, and monitoring pressure ulcers. Adoption of any policy, procedures, and/or tools should be carefully reviewed by the facility’s clinical management team prior to implementation. If you have questions, please contact Mary. Cost for the resource book is \$50.

F-315/316 Incontinence/Indwelling Catheter – the final revisions to F-315/316 [urinary incontinence/indwelling catheter and prevention of UTIs] is available from the CMS website at http://www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/R8SOM.pdf. These were effective 6/28/05.

Fall Schedule – if you are thinking about having a mock survey conducted by CHC in the fall, now is the time to get your dates on our schedule. Fall of the year is one of our busiest times for mock surveys, conferences, holidays and vacations. If you are planning on a mock survey between now and the end of the year, please contact Mary or Donna to discuss schedule opportunities.

