

**FYI – Update – October 2007**



**Survey Focus – Accidents**

Recent information available from Office of Licensure and Certification demonstrated that the **#1 deficiency in the nation for 2007 for most often cited is F-323**; Virginia is following that trend with F-323 holding #6 spot for 2007.

**Accident Resource Manual –“Accident Prevention & Management Is Everyone’s Responsibility”**

The manual is ready for distribution. This 180-page valued guide represents a compilation of resources by CHC, that is intended to provide the nursing facility with the necessary education and tools to develop and sustain an effective program of reducing accidents and injuries to residents. Topics include: regulatory overview; environmental considerations; fall prevention and management; burn; suicide, ingestion of hazardous materials, use of motorized chairs/scooter; use of mechanical lifts, smoking, elopement and unsafe wandering, bed safety, and much more. Sample tools are included for education, policy/procedures, audits, and other quality improvement investigations and analysis. This manual will be provided in a 3-ring binder so that you can add additional resources. Price is \$145 with CD or \$135 without CD plus cost of shipping. Contact your CHC associate or send e-mail with purchase request to [maryltc@mindspring.com](mailto:maryltc@mindspring.com)

**CMS Updates –**

CMS provided clarification on 9/28/07 for calculating medication errors to include:

- A nursing home’s noncompliance with the administration of nutritional and dietary supplements should not be included in the calculation of the facility’s medication error rate at F332 or as a significant medication error at F333.
- Medication errors involving vitamins and/or minerals should be documented at F332 and counted towards the 5 percent error rate but would not be considered to be a significant medication error unless the criteria at F333 were met.

CMS provided, on 9/28/07, reminders to the survey agency for review of residents who meet PASRR requirements.

In response to the Office of Inspector General’s (OIG) recommendation in reports OEI-07-05- 00230, “Pre-admission Screening and Resident Review for Younger Nursing Facility Residents with Mental Retardation” and OEI-05-05-00220 “Preadmission Screening and Resident Review for Younger Nursing Facility Residents with Serious Mental Illness,” the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is clarifying the current nursing facility survey process related to the selection of sampled residents with serious mental illness and mental retardation, to ensure that surveyors review required PASRR documentation.

Rebroadcast of PASRR satellite, “Mental Illness in Nursing Homes” aired on September 28, 2007, and is accessible for viewing one year from the date of broadcast at <http://www.cms.internetstreaming.com>. This site is available for your use at no charge and includes resources used to train the surveyors.

**NOTE:** Take this opportunity to look at the clinical records of residents who meet PASRR criteria. Does the medical record contain copy of pre-admission screening [Level 1 or Level 2]; does it demonstrate that rehabilitative services are being provided according to the plan; does it demonstrate coordination of services with outside entities [i.e. work shops, CSB, etc.]; does it demonstrate that copies of MDS significant change assessments have been sent to DMHMRSAS ?

