

FYI – Update -- October 2006



### **NF License Renewal**

Remember to complete and submit your license renewal to VDH. Form must be complete, accurate, and submitted timely along with your check [for correct amount for your individual facility] to be accepted and to keep your license in good standing. If you have questions regarding completion of the form, contact the Office of Licensure and Certification at 804-367-2100 for assistance.

### **F-205 Bed Hold Notice**

The nursing facility's bed-hold policies apply to all residents. These sections require **two notices related to the facility's bed-hold policies to be issued.** The **first notice of bed-hold policies could be given well in advance of any transfer.** However, reissuance of the first notice would be required if the bed-hold policy under the State plan or the facility's policy were to change. The **second notice, which specifies the duration of the bed-hold policy, must be issued at the time of transfer. In cases of emergency transfer, notice "at the time of transfer" means that the family, surrogate, or representative are provided with written notification within 24 hours of the transfer.** The requirement is met if the resident's copy of the notice is sent with other papers accompanying the resident to the hospital.

### **Medicare Part D**

The June FYI addressed potential survey issues and/or deficiencies related to the implementation of Medicare Part D. Have you put your implementation and operational considerations into policy and procedure? Does your organization have the documented infrastructure established to demonstrate compliance with Medicare Part D requirements? This goes far beyond having a good working relationship with your pharmacy. If you would like assistance in reviewing your system for compliance with Medicare Part please let us know.

### **New Guidelines Related to Medication Administration and Pharmacy Services**

An Advanced copy of the revised guidelines for F-329 [Unnecessary Medications] and pharmacy tags have been revised and collapsed into three F-Tags [F425; F428 and F431]. Copies of the revised Interpretive Guidelines, revision to survey tasks and training may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/surveycertificationgeninfo/pmsr/itemdetail.asp>

**These will be effective 12/18/06 and contain significant changes.**

### **DDNR Forms**

If your organization places the gold DDNR form on the resident's medical record, it is the responsibility of the NF to monitor that the form is fully completed by the physician. Failure to have the forms fully completed is being cited at F-492 for the organization's responsibility for compliance with guidelines/regulations other than licensure and/or certification regulations/requirements.

