

FYI – Update – September 2007



CMS Publishes Final Rule on Survey Re-Visit User Fee

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Re-Visit Survey means a survey performed with respect to a provider or supplier cited for deficiencies during an initial certification, recertification, or substantiated complaint survey and that is designed to evaluate the extent to which previously-cited deficiencies have been corrected and the provider or supplier is in substantial compliance with applicable conditions of participation, requirements, or conditions for coverage. Revisit surveys include both offsite and onsite review.

Criteria for Determining the Fee – various options for now the fee will be assessed based on provider type – SNF/NFs on-site revisit fee is \$2,072; SNF/NFs off-site revisit fee is \$168.

Enforcement -- If the full revisit user fee payment is not received within 30 calendar days from the date identified on the revisit user fee assessment notice, CMS may terminate the facility's provider agreement.

Flu Season

The CDC has published new guidelines and educational material for this year's flu vaccination season. Guidelines are available for both live intranasal and inactivated vaccinations. Remember that Virginia SNF/NF citations for deficiencies included F-334 for flu and pneumonia vaccinations; many of the citations related to failure to document education of resident/responsible party. If resident/RP refuses, you should identify the specific reason for refusal [i.e. medically contraindicated, had vaccination for year, does not believe in protocol, etc.].

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

The Accident Resource Manual is at the printers and will be ready for mailing within the next 10 days. 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 injury to resident. 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.

CHC Services

CHC thanks you for your support. Many of you have used our services for a number of years. We are taking this opportunity to remind you of the multitude and variety of services that our team can provide.

- Technical and regulatory assistance (Nursing Facility, Assisted Living Facilities, etc.)
- Pre/Post Mock Surveys – Nursing Facilities; Virginia Assisted Living Facilities
- Coaching and Managerial Support for your management team
- Assistance with Quality Assurance/Improvement and Compliance Ethics Programs
- Policy review and revision
- Quality Measure/Indicator analysis
- Assistance with Plans of Correction and Informal Dispute Resolution
- Internal investigations
- PPS - clinical and reimbursement applications and assessment
- Virginia Medicaid RUGs reimbursement
- Staff development – a wide variety of topics that can be tailored to your unique needs
- Special projects to enhance staff effectiveness and efficiency
- Special projects to enhance net profit
- Assistance with program management and operations
- Systems review, including but not limited to therapy department, activity department, quality improvement, etc.

