

## FYI -- Updates

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**CMS has recently published new guidance in four areas.** Detailed information [including the guidance, power point presentation, and training aides] on each of the areas may be found on the CMS Website at <http://new.cms.hhs.gov/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/PMSR/list.asp>

### **Activities - F-248/249 – effective 6/1/06**

CMS Web cast training is scheduled for 4/7/06; you can sign up at [http://cms.internetstreaming.com](http://cms.internetstreaming.comhttp://new.cms.hhs.gov/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/PMSR/list.asp)<http://new.cms.hhs.gov/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/PMSR/list.asp>  
Although designed to train surveyors, anyone can watch the web cast.

#### Key Points

- “Resident-appropriate activities”
- Resident specific plans of care with measurable objectives [not just related to attendance]
- Involvement and responsibility of entire organization

### **Quality Assurance – F-520/521 – effective 6/1/06**

#### Key Points

- How concerns are identified
- “Root cause” analysis
- Action Plans
- Documents subject to review by the surveyors

### **Revised Definition of Psychosocial Harm – effective 6/1/06**

#### Key Points

- The Guide is used to determine the severity of a deficiency in any regulatory grouping (e.g., *Quality of Care, Quality of Life*) that resulted in a negative psychosocial outcome.
- Psychosocial outcomes and physical outcomes are equally important in determining the severity of noncompliance, and both need to be considered before assigning a severity level. The severity level assigned should reflect the most significant negative outcome or highest level of harm/potential harm
- Psychosocial outcomes of interest to surveyors are those caused by the facility’s noncompliance with any regulation. This also includes psychosocial outcomes resulting from facility failure to assess and develop an adequate care plan to address a resident’s pre-existing psychosocial issues, which led to continuation or worsening of the condition.

### **Life Safety effective 3/13/06**

#### Key Points

- Beginning with fire safety surveys completed after March 13, 2006, deficiencies concerning the installation of 90-minute duration batteries used in emergency lighting shall be cited at Tag K-46, which deals with emergency lighting requirements. Deficiencies in the replacement of roller latches with a positive latching device shall be cited at Tag K-18, which includes requirements for corridor doors and latching requirements. Deficiencies cited at either of these tags shall have a Scope/Severity level of D, E, or F depending on how widespread the deficiency is.

