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LTC Update:

- **Healthcare Worker Vaccination Requirement**
- **CMS Updated Survey Resources**
- **Free Virtual Courses for Skilled Nursing Facility Personnel**
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Healthcare Worker Vaccination Requirement

CMS issued on May 31 a final rule regarding the healthcare worker vaccination requirement. Since facilities are no longer operating under a PHE and considering the lower policy priority of enforcement, surveyors will not review or cite to the healthcare worker vaccination requirements from this point forward. Tag F888 has been removed from the long-term care survey process (LTCSP), and the entrance conference form and infection control pathway have been updated for surveyors. You may view the final rule here: <https://public-inspection.federalregister.gov/2023-11449.pdf>.

CMS Updated Survey Resources

CMS updated the survey resources as of June 5. The updated resources may be found here: <https://www.cms.gov/files/zip/survey-resources-06/05/2023.zip>.

Here is a link to the CMS Revision History for LTCSP documents:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/revision-history-ltc-survey-process-documents-and-files-updated-05/16/2023.pdf>.

Free Virtual Courses for Skilled Nursing Facility Personnel

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) and the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community are offering cost-free virtual courses for skilled nursing facility personnel in three subject areas relevant to the long term care setting. The courses are:

- [Pressure Injury Prevention and Management in Long Term Care](#)
- [Abuse and Neglect Prevention in Long Term Care](#)
- [Emergency and Disaster Management in Long Term Care](#)

Each course offers an introduction to the subject area with specific long-term care examples. Courses will be offered in July and various other times from 2023-2025. CEUs are available through the Indiana Department of Health for administrators and social workers. For more information and to register, click on a course name above. These courses are funded through the IDOH using Civil Money Penalty funds. If you have any questions, please contact Lidia Dubicki at the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community, ldubicki@uindy.edu.

IDOH Health Care Leadership Conference – Save the Date

The 2023 IDOH Health Care Leadership Conference, *Building a Culture of Care – Preventing Abuse in Nursing Homes*, will be Tuesday, Oct. 17, in person at the Biltwell Event Center in Indianapolis. It will also be offered virtually. Every licensed comprehensive care facility is invited to send two people. Representatives from long-term care provider organizations and interest groups are also invited. All IDOH long-term care surveyors will attend. Registration opens soon. Watch your email for details.