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Skilled Nursing Facility Advance Beneficiary Notice: Revised Form and Instructions

CMS has revised the Skilled Nursing Facility Advance Beneficiary Notice Form and Instructions. Skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) must issue a notice to Original Medicare (fee for service - FFS) beneficiaries to transfer potential financial liability before the SNF provides:

- an item or service usually paid for by Medicare, but may not be paid for because it is not medically reasonable and necessary, or
- custodial care.

You can download the SNF ABN (Form CMS-10055) and accompanying instructions [here](https://www.cms.gov/medicare/forms-notices/beneficiary-notices-initiative/ffs-snf-abn) (<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/forms-notices/beneficiary-notices-initiative/ffs-snf-abn>) and start using the form now. It will become mandatory starting October 31.

Compliance with Residents' Rights Requirement related to Nursing Home Residents' Right to Vote

In a memorandum, dated 9/26/24, CMS reinforced the regulatory expectations that nursing homes ensure their residents have the unimpeded ability to exercise their Constitutional right to vote without interference, coercion, discrimination, or reprisal from the facility (State Operations Manual, Appendix PP, §483.10(b), Exercise of Rights).

The memorandum, QSO-24-21-NH, is available to download here:

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/health-safety-standards/quality-safety-oversight-general-information/policy-memos-states/compliance-residents-rights-requirement-related-nursing-home-residents-right-vote>

Free Virtual Courses for Skilled Nursing Personnel

The Indiana Department of Health and the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging and Community are offering free virtual courses for skilled nursing facility personnel in subject areas relevant to the long-term care setting, such as pressure injury and prevention, emergency and disaster management, and abuse and neglect prevention. Below is a list of upcoming sessions:

[Pressure Injury Prevention and Management in Long Term Care](#) – October 9, 16, 18, and 23

- Taught by Jeri Ann Lundgren, RN, BSN, PHN, CWS, CWCN, CPT
- Topics covered include utilizing QAPI to set up an effective pressure injury prevention program, risk assessment, care planning, prevention of skin breakdown, assessment, staging, topical treatment, and lower extremity ulcers.

Each course offers long-term care specific examples. Courses will be offered at various times through May 2025. CEUs are available through the Indiana Department of Health for administrators and social workers.

For more information and to register, click on the course name above. These courses are funded through the Indiana Department of Health using Civil Money Penalty funds.

If you have any questions, please contact Leah Jones at the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging and Community at Jonesl001@uindy.edu.

Long-term Care Leadership Conference – Nov 19

Be sure to register and attend the 2024 IDOH Long-term Care Leadership Conference, “Safe & Sound – Prioritizing Resident Safety in Nursing Homes.”

This informative conference will be Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis and virtually. Topics will include fall prevention strategies, wandering and elopement behaviors, caring for residents at risk for choking, and an after-action tornado panel discussing the March 2024 tornado that impacted two long-term care facilities.

See the agenda, featured speakers, and register for the conference at <https://www.ltconferences.com/>.

