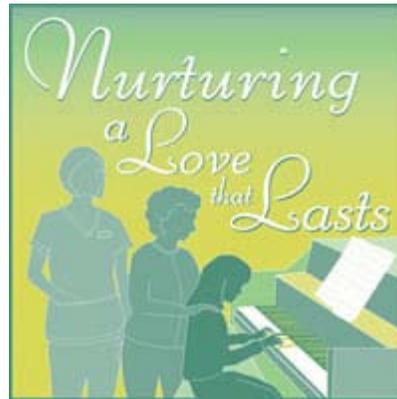


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***National Nursing Home Week  
May 10-16, 2009***

## CMS Update

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued [Survey and Certification Letter 09-38](#) pertaining to one-time cash benefit to nursing home residents. This document provides guidance on stimulus money provided to benefit recipients.

The Recovery Act provides for a one-time cash benefit of \$250 to certain eligible individuals who receive a Social Security benefit, Railroad Retirement pension, Veterans Administration disability pension, and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The payments will begin in May of 2009 and be distributed by check or electronic transfer to eligible beneficiaries by June 4, 2009. Many residents in nursing homes will be eligible for this cash benefit (although some who receive SSI benefits at a reduced rate may not be eligible).

The Recovery Act's one-time cash benefit is for the residents to use as they choose. The money is not for the facility to pay for the cost of care. Residents will receive the benefit check in the same manner they receive their usual benefit checks (i.e., via mail or direct deposit to their bank account). For residents who have elected to have their money managed by the facility, the facility is obligated to set this benefit check aside in the residents' personal needs accounts. The residents can save or spend the money as they choose.

## Resident and Family Webinar

A second free teleconference for nursing home residents and their families will be held by phone on May 27, 2009 from 3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The teleconference is part of the Indiana Pressure Ulcer Quality Improvement Initiative developed by the Indiana State Department of Health and the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community. While the call is open to all facilities, the facilities participating in the initiative should participate and involve as many residents and families as possible in the teleconference. Educated residents and families can help make pressure ulcer prevention

efforts even more effective!

This call builds upon the very successful consumer education session conducted in November 2008. In addition to reviewing the facts about pressure ulcers and how to prevent them, the May teleconference will give participants the opportunity to hear directly from residents and family members on the Initiative's Consumer Advisory Council about their experiences and actions related to pressure ulcers and care.

Nursing homes in the initiative will be automatically registered for the call. A special teleconference flyer to give to residents and family members, a letter to mail to families, suggestions for holding a successful conference call event, and ways to promote the call at your nursing home will be sent next week to each nursing home's designated teleconference coordinator. If your nursing home has not yet designated a coordinator, please provide Robyn Grant with the name and email address for that person. Robyn can be reached at 317-687-3659 or [rgrant@usaindiana.org](mailto:rgrant@usaindiana.org). Additional materials and guidance for the teleconference will be forwarded later in May.

Nursing homes that are not participating in the initiative must register for the call by contacting Robyn Grant (see information above). The flyer and other promotional materials will be available to download after May 6 at [www.usaindiana.org](http://www.usaindiana.org). Other handouts will be provided upon registration.

Hospitals and home health/hospice agencies participating in the initiative will receive information from their associations on how they and their patients and family members can participate.

Please join us in making this teleconference an even bigger success than our first one!

## Residential Care Facility Consumer Report

The Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH), Division of Long Term Care, is pleased to provide consumers with a Residential Care Facility Consumer Report on licensed residential facilities in Indiana. The purpose of these Residential Care Facility Consumer Reports is to provide information to consumers to assist in evaluating the availability and quality of residential facilities within the state of Indiana. Each Residential Care Facility Consumer Report contains a profile of the facility, a report of the facility's recent survey history. The Residential Care Facility Consumer Reports are limited to licensed residential facilities.

The Residential Care Facility Consumer Reports are currently only available for free standing residential care facilities. There is not a consumer report for residential care units that are included as part of another licensed facility. The ISDH expects to expand the Residential Care Facility Consumer Report to include those facilities at a later date.

## Recall Information

### **Digoxin, USP 0.125 mg, Digoxin, USP 0.25 mg (Caraco brand)**

[UPDATED 05/12/2009] AS Medication Solutions, LLC, a drug repackage company, announced today that all tablets of Caraco brand Digoxin, USP, 0.25 mg, distributed prior to March 31, 2009, which are not expired and are within the expiration date of August, 2011, are being voluntarily recalled to the consumer level. The tablets are being recalled because they may differ in size and therefore could have more or less of the active ingredient, digoxin. Caraco Pharmaceutical Laboratories, Ltd manufactured the recalled tablets. The recalled product is a scored round biconvex white tablet imprinted with "441", with an NDC number of 54569-5758-0 (30-count). Consumers with the product that are within expiration should return these products to their pharmacy or place of purchase.

Read the complete MedWatch 2009 Safety summary, including a link to the original April 1 alert and the current firm press release, at: <http://www.fda.gov/medwatch/safety/2009/safety09.htm#Digoxin>.



Nursing homes are a vital part of our health care system. In this National Nursing Home Week, we thank the nursing homes and their staff for their many contributions to health care quality. We appreciate your expertise and dedication. We also thank the residents of nursing homes for their many contributions throughout their lives. It is our privilege to serve our residents.

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