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CMS Update

SC: 14-42-NH REVISED 07.17.15 - Release of Learning Tool on Building Respect for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Older Adults

In collaboration with CMS, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office of Public Affairs, the National Resource Center on LGBT Aging, and with input from advocacy groups, the DHHS' Administration for Community Living (ACL) has released an online learning tool entitled Building Respect for LGBT Older Adults. This learning tool, offered free of charge, will educate care providers about the needs and rights of older LGBT adults. It introduces long term care and other aging service providers to LGBT aging and is designed to increase awareness of the issues faced by LGBT individuals living in long term care facilities. It consists of six training modules. Each module lasts approximately 10 minutes.

To access the Learning Tool go to: <http://lgbtagingcenter.org/training/buildingRespect/index.cfm>

SC: 15-46-NH - Publication of Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities; Proposed Rule (CMS-3260-P) - Informational Only

On July 16, 2015 the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published the proposed rule; Reform of Requirements for Long Term Care Facilities (CMS-3260-P). The proposed rule would revise the requirements that long term care facilities must meet in order to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid Programs, which have not been comprehensively updated since September 26, 1991. The proposed updates reflect the advancements in service delivery and will improve the care and safety of nursing home residents while reducing procedural burden to providers.

The proposed rule can be viewed at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-07-16/pdf/2015-17207.pdf> . Comments must be received no later than 5:00 PM on September 14, 2015, to be assured consideration.

SC: 15-47-NH - Medication-Related Adverse Events in Nursing Homes

Adverse events related to high risk medications can have devastating effects to nursing home residents. Proper management of high risk medications represents a serious challenge for nursing homes and merits close attention by top management and staff throughout the facility. CMS has developed and begun pilot testing the Focused Survey on Medication Safety Systems to look at nursing home practice around high-risk and problem-prone medications. Indiana is not part of the pilot testing.

CMS collaborated with the Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality (AHRQ) and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to develop a tool which includes potentially preventable medication-related events, risk factors, triggers, and probes to assist surveyors in investigating actual and potential adverse events and evaluate whether systems are in place to prevent medication-related adverse events. The [Adverse Drug Event Trigger Tool](#) is one of several tools in use for the pilot focused survey. Use of this draft tool is not mandatory but may aid in assessing compliance around medication issues. Nursing home providers may find it useful as a risk management tool.