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Today's Issue:
- CMS Update
- Bed Census Mandatory Reporting

CMS Update

[S&C 16-04-NH](#) - Focused Dementia Care Survey Tools

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) completed a pilot project in 2014 to examine the process for prescribing antipsychotic medication and assess compliance with other federal requirements related to dementia care practices in nursing homes. In 2015, CMS expanded the use of the Focused Dementia Care Survey in a few States and invited States to conduct such surveys on a voluntary basis, using the revised survey tools. This expansion project involved a more intensive, targeted effort to improve surveyor effectiveness in citing poor dementia care and overutilization of antipsychotic medications than was previously done in fiscal year 2014. CMS revised the survey materials and tools based on surveyor feedback and data analysis. CMS is sharing these revised survey materials and tools with the intent that facilities can use these tools to assess their own practices in providing resident care.

[S&C 16-04.02.Attach 1 - Facility Questions Parts 1-3](#)

[S&C 16-04.03.Attach 2 - Resident Questions Part 4](#)

Indiana is currently not conducting specific Focused Dementia Care Surveys. All long term care surveyors have been provided the survey materials and tools.

Bed Census Reporting

In accordance with the 2015 Senate Enrolled Act 460, all comprehensive and resident care facilities are required to report their actual bed census on January 1 and July 1 of each year. The bed census data is used to determine occupancy rates for each county in determining eligibility for licensure. This data is also important for disaster preparedness in being able to quickly identify counties and facilities with available beds.

In July 2015, the first reporting period, ISDH established an online process for reporting the bed census data. The January 1 reporting will be through the online [ISDH Gateway System](#). This is the same system used for obtaining survey reports and reporting incidents.

The bed census is intended to include all licensed beds, both comprehensive and residential, in the facility including special units such as Alzheimer's/Dementia or ventilator unit. The ISDH must obtain census information from every facility. The facility's census on January 1 should be submitted to the ISDH by

January 15, 2016. Once the ISDH has the January 1 data for all facilities a bed occupancy report will be published.

Since the last reporting in July some changes have been made to the Bed Census & Personnel Tracking section of the online ISDH Gateway System. The [Instructions for Bed Census Tracking Process](#) and [Bed Census Reporting Frequently Asked Questions](#) are available to assist with submission.