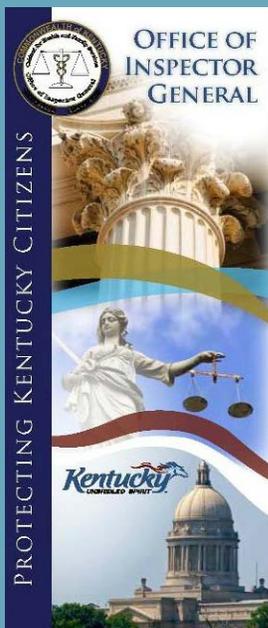


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OIG NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the Office of Inspector General, Division of Health Care's March 2013 edition of the Long Term Care Provider Newsletter. This newsletter is a valuable vehicle to update you on current events affecting Long Term Care.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with anyone you think would benefit. To continue receiving this newsletter, be sure to join our mailing list by clicking the link to the left of this article. We look forward to serving you through this communication vehicle.

Want to Know Kentucky's Top 10 Citations for Nursing Homes?



[Health Care](#)

[Life Safety Code](#)

CMS Medicare News



Recent Survey and Certification Letters

Below you'll find links to survey and certification letters issued by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) pertaining to Long Term Care facilities. Please take a look and determine how these may impact your facility.



Below are the S&C memos for this month

CMS 5-STAR Results



[March 2013 Results](#)

To learn more about the 5-STAR program click the link ==> [Overview of CMS 5-STAR System](#)

CMS Announces

- [Luer Misconnection Adverse Events 13-14 ALL](#) - Luer Misconnections continue to result in adverse events and deaths.
- [Physician Delegation of Tasks in Skilled Nursing Facilities \(SNFs\) and Nursing Facilities \(NFs\) 13-15 NH](#) - This memorandum replaces Survey and Certification memorandum S&C-04-08 dated November 13, 2003, which discusses physician delegation of tasks in SNFs and NFs.
- [F tag 155-- Advance Directives- Revised Advance Copy - 13-16 NH](#) - This memorandum replaces a previous version of S&C: 12-47-NH dated September 27, 2012
- [F tag 322-Naso-Gastric Tubes - Revised Advance Copy - 13-17 NH](#) - This memorandum replaces a previous version of S&C: 12-46-NH dated September 27, 2012.
- [Information Only: New Dining Standards of Practice](#)

Updated, Enhanced Tools for Patients to Compare Nursing Homes. click link for details ==> [Nursing Home Compare Updates](#)

LIFE SAFETY CODE



*[Top Deficiencies and Tips](#)
* [Life Safety Code Survey & Certification Memos](#)

@ttention Providers!

E-mail Addresses Needed



So that we may deliver the best customer service, please ensure that the Division of Health Care has up to date contact information for your facility, including e-mail addresses. Please contact 502-564-7963 to provide this important information!

ALSO

The Kentucky Department of Public Health would like to establish an email notification distribution group for Infection Preventionist (the person who is the leader for the Infection Control efforts at each facility) practicing in long-term care. This email group would receive notifications concerning outbreaks, educational

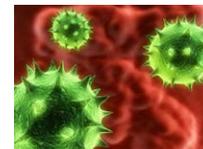
[Resources are Available Now - 13-13 NH](#) - New Dining Practice Standards: An interdisciplinary task force, sponsored by the Pioneer Network and the Rothschild Foundation, has released new dining practice recommendations for nursing home residents.

- [Clarification of Interpretive Guidance at F Tag 441-Laundry and Infection Control - 13-09 NH](#) - Revised Guidance for F Tag 441: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is clarifying and revising guidance to surveyors in Appendix PP of the SOM regarding citations under F Tag 441 related to 42 CFR §483.65(c).

To view previous S&C Memos click the link ==> [Survey & Certification Memos](#)

Norovirus On the Rise

Commissioner of Public Health, Sr. Deputy Commissioner and Inspector General Provide Guidance Related to the Norovirus



Over the past several years Kentucky has experienced an increase in the reported number of gastrointestinal illnesses in healthcare facilities. We are not unique; there has been an increased awareness of these kinds of illnesses in congregate living conditions nationwide. [Click here to read more....](#)

MDS Matters! - MDS Submissions



Effective October 1, 2013, facilities will no longer be able to submit MDS 2.0 assessment data to the QIES CMS system. The submission pages on the state server will be removed on October 1st, 2013.

MDS 2.0 data must have target dates prior to October 1, 2010 so all data submitted timely will be rolled off 37 months after October 1, 2010.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please contact the QTSO Help Desk at 1 (800) 339-9313.

Proper Disposal for Used Fentanyl Patches

FACILITY DISPOSAL OF USED FENTANYL PATCHES

The drug fentanyl is a powerful, schedule II narcotic used to manage moderate to severe pain. Although available in oral (buccal) dosage forms, it is most commonly used in the form of an extended-release transdermal patch which confers pain relief to individuals over a 72-hour period. Customarily, the patch is applied externally to the individual, left intact for 72 hours, and then replaced with a new patch. The old patch is then disposed-of. Although a used patch may have been used for a 72-hour period, it will



opportunities and pertinent State communications regarding infection prevention and control in the long-term care setting. Names and e-mail addresses need to be sent to Marissa.Dove@ky.gov in Public Health. Thank you.



Quick Links

[Office of Inspector General Website](#)

[Survey & Certification Letters](#)

[Long Term Care Inspection Findings](#)

[Long Term Care Newsletter Archives](#)

[CMS Appendix Q - Guidelines for Determining Immediate Jeopardy](#)

[CMS Appendix P - Survey Protocol for Long Term Care Facilities](#)

[CMS Interpretive Guidelines for Nursing Homes](#)

[Kentucky Board of Licensure for Nursing Home Administrators](#)

[Long Term Care Regulations and Statutes](#)

[OIG Life Safety Code Portal](#)

[CMS Surveyor/Provider Training](#)



[...Click Here to Read More.](#)

Minimum Data Set (MDS) 3.0 Training

Two day Training- Tentatively Scheduled for August 2013.



The training will be held in Louisville, KY. More information on exact location and specific training dates to follow in upcoming Newsletters.

If you have any questions about the training you may contact Jessica Lowe at 502-564-7963 at extension 3310 or at Jessica.Lowe@ky.gov.

Free LTC Provider Training - Tentatively Scheduled for August!!



"Dementia Beyond Drugs: Changing the Culture of Care"

Presenter: G. Allen Power, M.D.

Based on Dr. Power's award-winning book, this 2-day learning experience uses the framework of culture change to create a new approach to caring for people who live with dementia.

Learn why the current paradigm for dementia care can never produce satisfactory results and explore an experiential model that facilitates growth, meaningful engagement, and improved well-being via the application of person-directed care.

Participants will learn how to:

- Identify the limitations of our current approach to care for those living with dementia;
- Envision an "Experiential Model" for viewing dementia and recognizing the importance of enhancing well-being for all;
- Apply the model to everyday situations and challenging behaviors, by using creative solutions to empower individuals to live full and positive lives.

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The Office of Inspector General, Division of Health Care, Training Branch will offer a free educational opportunity for Long Term Care Providers to attend the "Dementia Beyond Drugs: Changing the Culture of Care" two-day training scheduled for August 2013. This program will take place in Louisville, Kentucky. More details with specific dates and training location to follow in upcoming Newsletters.

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CMS Survey and Certification Group

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Announcing the CMS, Center for Clinical Standards and Quality, Survey and Certification Group training site. The CMS training website allows providers to take courses that surveyors take.

[Click Here for a Tour!](#)

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<http://chfs.ky.gov/os/oig/default.htm>.

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