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LTC Update:

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Updates to Nursing Home Care Compare Staffing and Quality Measures

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced updates to the Nursing Home Care Compare staffing and quality measures in [QSO-23-21-NH](#) memo, dated Sept. 20.

In summary:

- **Adjustment to Staffing and Quality Measures:** CMS will update the staffing level case-mix adjustment methodology and replace some of the Quality Measures (QMs) used on Nursing Home Care Compare, to accommodate changes to the Minimum Data Set (MDS). Additionally, CMS will discontinue the CMS-672 form since the section G MDS data used to populate this form is being eliminated.
- **Penalty for Providers Who Fail to Submit Staffing Data:** To incentivize providers to submit accurate staffing data, CMS will revise the staffing rating methodology so providers that fail to submit staffing data or submit erroneous data receive the lowest score possible for corresponding staffing turnover measures.

More information is available at the CMS website: "[Updates to Nursing Home Care Compare Staffing and Quality Measures.](#)"

Project Firstline for CNA Training Programs

Attention all CNA training programs: Another Project Firstline implementation plan is coming soon. Get ready to receive the latest infection control implementation plan that fosters foundational and practical knowledge.

The University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community cordially invites all CNA programs to join an informational session that provides a ready to go, and easy to integrate, infection control instruction plan.

The webinar will take place from **1 to 2 p.m. EDT Tuesday, Oct. 3, via Zoom**. Register [here](#).

Why Should You Attend? Click [here](#) to see what you can look forward to.

For more information, contact Stacie Clay, project coordinator, at clays@uindy.edu or 317-791-5934.

State RAI Coordinator Contact

Beginning Oct. 1, please direct all Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) and Minimum Data Set (MDS) questions to the email address: LTCRulesandRegulations@health.IN.gov

The [RAI Manual](#), Appendix B (State RAI Coordinator contact information), will be updated to reflect this change.