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**Today's Issue:**

- Life Safety Code / Emergency Preparedness & Incident Reporting
- CMS - Civil Money Penalty Reinvestment Program (CMPRP) - Toolkit 1

## Life Safety Code/Emergency Preparedness & Incident Reporting

Certain Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Federal Emergency Preparedness Rules require that facilities have within their policies, accurate contact information. Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) wants to clarify that for those emergency incidents that require a full or partial evacuation, the ISDH contact number is 317-460-7287. Surveyors will need to verify that the Emergency Preparedness plan contains the correct information. While it may be appropriate also for the gateway address to be in certain life safety code plans, such as Fire Watch notification, and other incidents that do not require implementation of a facility's emergency plan, the correct phone number, listed above, should be in the Emergency Preparedness plans and available to ensure staff have the ability to immediately inform ISDH in appropriate situations, such as those involving the Emergency Management Agency or requiring full or partial evacuation.

[Incident Reporting Policy - See Page 12](#)

For additional information or questions contact Amy Kelley, Life Safety Code / Emergency Preparedness Supervisor, at 317-234-8502 or [amkelley@isdh.in.gov](mailto:amkelley@isdh.in.gov).

## CMS - Civil Money Penalty Reinvestment Program (CMPRP)

As part of its continued commitment to the nation's most vulnerable populations, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has launched the [Civil Money Penalty Reinvestment Program \(CMPRP\)](#), a three-year effort to reduce adverse events, improve staffing quality and improve dementia care in nursing homes. This CMPRP project offers free resources and opportunities for nursing homes in the form of toolkits, technical assistance and funding.

Toolkit 1: Nursing Home Staff Competency Assessment is now available. This CMPRP competency assessment toolkit helps nursing homes break down and self-examine some of the most important building blocks of quality care. The competency assessment can then be used to identify areas where the nursing home is doing well, versus where the facility might need support.

There are three competency assessments:

1. Certified Nursing Assistants (CNA)/Certified Medication Technicians (CMT)
2. Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurses (LVN/LPN) and Registered Nurses (RN)
3. Assistant directors of nursing (ADON), directors of nursing (DON) and administrators.

The assessments pose questions about behavioral, technical and resident-based competencies and should be completed as needed. Toolkit 1 includes the competency assessment and supporting materials that can support the nursing home's existing learning and the development of standards of practice. The toolkit also includes an Instruction Manual to support managers in implementing the assessment. The guide provides resources, including: videos; talking points; an email memo; a poster; an assessment completion tracker; a manager's guide to meeting one-on-one with staff; and an assessment results worksheet to compile and analyze results.

The complete Toolkit 1 is available at the [Civil Money Penalty Reinvestment Program \(CMPRP\)](#) under download.

Additional toolkits are expected to be available to download on this website by next summer.