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CMS 2025 Revised Surveyor Guidance Webinar Series **Preparing for New Survey Guidelines**

On November 18, 2024, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released revised guidance for nursing home surveyors. According to the CMS memo, these revisions include changes to the guidance regarding Admission, Transfer & Discharge, Chemical Restraints/Unnecessary Psychotropic Medication, Resident Assessment, Quality of Life and Quality of Care, Administration, Quality Assurance Performance Improvement (QAPI), Infection Prevention and Control, and other areas. Clarifications and technical corrections have also been made throughout Appendix PP.



In order to assist facilities in understanding these updates, IHCA, in partnership with Transitional Care Management, is hosting a series of webinars in the coming months. This training series will review the updated guidance and best practices, as well as resources that participants will be able to take back to their facilities to train staff and put appropriate changes into action.

Flexible training to meet your needs! Each webinar is 1 hour long. Sessions are being held virtually, and will also be made available on the IHCA Education Access Virtual Learning Platform (more information to come). Registrants can choose to sign up for individual sessions (\$75 per session), or register for the entire series and save \$30!

Session Schedule

Sessions held Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

Jan. 15, 2025 — Session 1

Jan. 22, 2025 — Session 2

Jan. 29, 2025 — Session 3

Feb. 5, 2025 — Session 4

Feb. 12, 2025 — Session 5

Feb. 19, 2025 — Session 6

Presenters

Michelle Stuercke, RN, MSN, DNP, LNHA, Chief Clinical Officer

Michelle Stuercke has more than 30 years of experience in long term care. She has served as a nurse, Director of Nursing, Education Officer, Chief Nursing Officer and Chief Clinical Officer. As Chief Clinical Officer for Transitional Care Management, Stuercke is responsible for the clinical operations of 12 facilities in Illinois. She holds BSN, MSN, MPH, DNP degrees, and is also a licensed nursing home administrator. She is the President of the Long Term Care Nurses Association (LTCNA) and serves on the IHCA Board of Directors. She is also a frequent presenter for IHCA and other organizations.

Sabrena McCarley, OTR/L, CLIPP, RAC-CT, QCP, FAOTA, Director of Clinical Reimbursement

Sabrena McCarley is a licensed occupational therapist with expertise in providing clinical and operational management within post-acute care settings. McCarley works for Transitional Care Management where she is the Director of Clinical Reimbursement.

McCarley is a regular guest faculty speaker at various colleges and universities as well as state, national and international conferences. She is a California representative for the AOTA Representative Assembly and is a member of the Living in Place Medical Advisory Panel. McCarley is also actively involved in leadership with The National Association of Rehabilitation Providers and Agencies as Secretary and the Chair of Government Affairs Committee. In 2022, McCarley was appointed to the Technical Expert Panel for the Measurement Gaps and Measure Development Priorities for the Skilled Nursing Facility Value-Based Purchasing Program.

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Session 3

January 29, 2025—1:00 PM

Session Information

This session, part one of two, focuses on revised guidance regarding chemical restraints and the unnecessary use of psychotropic medications. Participants will explore the consolidation of psychotropic medication guidance into F605, emphasizing the prevention of unnecessary use and addressing updated definitions related to "convenience." The session will also highlight residents' rights to be fully informed, participate in treatment decisions, and refuse medications. Additionally, changes to F757, which now focuses solely on non-psychotropic medications, and updates to the Medication Regimen Review Critical Element Pathway will be discussed to align with the new survey guidelines.

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

1. **Understand** the consolidation of guidance for unnecessary psychotropic medication use into F605 and its implications for the survey process.
2. **Analyze** revised definitions of "convenience" in relation to chemical restraints and psychotropic medication use, emphasizing facility compliance.
3. **Explain** residents' rights to be informed, participate in treatment decisions, and refuse psychotropic medications prior to initiation or dosage changes.
4. **Differentiate** between updated guidance for psychotropic (F605) and non-psychotropic (F757) medications.
5. **Apply** the revised Medication Regimen Review Critical Element Pathway to investigate compliance with the updated guidance.

Continuing Education

Illinois nursing home administrators, social workers, and licensed nurses will earn 1 continuing education credit for this session. The Illinois Health Care Association is approved as a sponsor of continuing education for nursing home administrators, social workers, physical therapists/physical therapy assistants and licensed nurses by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

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