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Q: Is there a new law that takes away wheelchair and bed alarms in long term care facilities?

A: Personal alarms are still allowed, however CMS and state surveyors are to investigate/review their use intensively and make sure that they are not being used as a restraint or for convenience of staff. I expect that use of these types of devices will decline in the near future based on federal and state scrutiny of this.