



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group

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TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: Webinar with State Survey Agencies: The Nursing Home QAPI Initiative and QIO Collaborative, and Opportunities for Collaboration with QIOs Across All Provider Types

Memorandum Summary

- **Upcoming State Survey Agency Webinar:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is conducting a State Survey Agency Webinar on Tuesday, January 22, 2013, 1:00 – 2:00 PM EST to discuss upcoming activities and opportunities in nursing homes and other provider types.
- **Topics:** 1. Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) in Nursing Homes; 2. The Nursing Home Collaborative under the Quality Improvement Organization (QIOs) 10th Scope of Work; and 3. Opportunities for collaboration between the State Survey Agency (SA) and QIOs *across all provider types*.
- **Target Audience:** This webinar is intended for all interested Regional and SA personnel.

Purpose

On January 22, 2013, from 1:00 to 2:00pm, The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is conducting a webinar to discuss planned and proposed activities affecting nursing homes and other ideas for collaboration with the QIOs. The topics of this webinar include:

- Status of the Nursing Home QAPI initiatives and tools to assist nursing homes in improving their quality of care for their residents;
- An in-depth description of the National Nursing Home Quality Care Collaborative and the associated draft Change Package; and
- A discussion with SAs on the role and opportunities for collaboration of SAs with QIOs across provider types such as identifying best practices, data sharing and referrals of providers in need of technical assistance/resources.

There will be a Q&A session and polling questions at the end of the presentations.

Logistics

Webinar Instructions:

1. On the day of the webinar go directly to <https://webinar.cms.hhs.gov/nhqapi-qio/>
2. From the Adobe Connect Meeting window, type your name in the “Guest Box.”
3. Press “Enter Room” to access the webinar.
4. Dial into audio bridge number, 877-267-1577 (Conference ID: **5118**) to hear audio portion of the Webinar.

If you are unable to attend the webinar, the slides and notes from the live webinar will be available at the website listed above following the webinar; however, the audio portion of the webinar will not be available.

Effective Date: Immediately. We encourage all Regional Office staff within the Consortium for Quality Improvement Survey and Certification Operations (CQISCO), State Survey Agency Directors and other interested staff to participate. This is a great opportunity for everyone to learn about collaboration with the QIOs and nursing home quality improvement initiatives.

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