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DATE: **April 3, 2015**

TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: Announcing Infection Control Webinar Series, Webinar 3: April 27, 2015

Memorandum Summary

Upcoming Webinar: The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Division of Nursing Homes is hosting the third and final webinar in a series of three webinars on current issues in infection control. The final webinar, "Infection Prevention in the Nursing Home Environment" is scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2015, 2:00-3:30 pm EST.

This webinar is mandatory for all State and Regional nursing home surveyors. The topics to be discussed are relevant to their work in the field.

Purpose

The CMS Division of Nursing Homes is hosting the third and final webinar in a series of three webinars on current issues in infection control. The webinar, "Infection Prevention in the Nursing Home Environment" is scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2015, 2:00-3:30 pm EST. This webinar is intended for all State Survey Agency and Regional Office staff; however the webinar is mandatory for all nursing home surveyors. The topics to be discussed are relevant to surveyors' work in the field.

All webinars in this series will be archived within 60 to 90 days of the first offering. There will also be an encore live presentation of the entire webinar series: part one in June, part two in July and part three in August of this calendar year.

Webinar Details

On, April 27, 2014, the Division of Nursing Homes is facilitating a webinar on "Infection Prevention in the Nursing Home Environment" presented by Jemima Drake and Karen Hoffmann, an infection preventionist and CMS contract consultant for infection control and prevention. This will be the third in a series of three webinars on current issues in infection control. The topics of this 90 minute webinar include general infection control concerns in the nursing home environment including those concerns related to Clostridium difficile.

Logistics

Webinar Instructions for Learning Management System (LMS) users (Surveyors):

Prior to the Day of the Webinar

1. To receive credit for watching the Webinar, register in TotalLMS at http://cms82.sumtotalsystems.com/sumtotal/. Use your surveyor ID to log into TotalLMS.
2. Type "xxxxx" in search box or click on any of the disciplines under 1-Surveyor or 2-Surveyor columns, in "Catalog" section of TotalLMS. Select intended Webinar and follow instructions.
3. After completing the registration process, a "Start" button with the name of the Webinar will appear in your "To Do List" in TotalLMS.

On the Day of the Webinar

1. Log into TotalLMS, go to your "To Do List" select the "Start" button to launch the webinar**. (If you have not registered for the Webinar prior to the scheduled date and wish to receive credit see instructions in "Prior to the Day of the Webinar.")**
2. From the Adobe Connect Meeting window, type your name in the "Guest Box." *Do not check the radio button next to enter "login and password" and do not enter a login and password on the Adobe Connect screen*.

3. Press "Enter Room" to access the webinar.
4. Dial into audio bridge number, **(800) 837-1935** (Conference ID: **14878380)** to hear the audio portion of the Webinar.
5. At the conclusion of the webinar, exit the webinar. The system will return to TotalLMS. Your screen will display "Have you completed this activity?" select 'Yes'.
6. Proceed to complete the evaluation in TotalLMS.

Contact: Please send webinar technical questions to the CMS SCG Webinars mailbox: scgwebinars@cms.hhs.gov. For other questions or suggestions related to the infection control webinar series, contact Jemima Drake at jemima.drake@cms.hhs.gov.

Effective Date: Immediately. The information contained in this memorandum should be communicated with all survey and certification staff, their managers and the State/Regional Office training coordinators within 30 days of this memorandum.

/s/
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cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management