

Launch of the Initiative to Improve Behavioral Health and Reduce the Use of Antipsychotic Medications in Nursing Homes Residents

A Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
Video Streaming Event

**Premieres Thursday, March 29, 2012
1:00pm EST – 2:00pm EST**

On March 29, CMS will launch a new initiative aimed at improving behavioral health and safeguarding nursing home residents from unnecessary antipsychotic drug use. As part of the initiative, CMS is developing a national action plan that will use a multidimensional approach including public reporting, raising public awareness, regulatory oversight, technical assistance/training and research. The action plan will be targeted at enhancing person-centered care for nursing home residents, particularly those with dementia-related behaviors.

Goals for the Video Streaming Event

CMS will provide an overview of the national initiative, resources for technical assistance, and plans for upcoming educational offerings on this topic.

Handouts

Handouts for this broadcast are attached and are also available at the following website:
<http://surveyortraining.cms.hhs.gov>.

Objectives

Join Patrick Conway, MD, MSc, Chief Medical Officer for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and Director of the Office of Clinical Standards and Quality, Shari Ling, MD, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Deputy Chief Medical Officer serving in the Office of Clinical Standards and Quality and Alice Bonner, PhD, RN, Director for the Division of Nursing Homes in the Office for Clinical Standards and Quality in the introduction of this national initiative, discussion of behavioral health opportunities and the announcement of upcoming training sessions.

Target Audience

State Survey Agencies, residents and family members, nursing home staff, clinicians, providers, advocates, CMS Regional Offices, and others (Non-Mandatory)

Registration and Viewing Instructions

Register today at <http://surveyortraining.cms.hhs.gov>.

Video Streaming Information

This program will be available for viewing up to one year following March 29, 2012, at
<http://surveyortraining.cms.hhs.gov>.

This event is open to the public, so please share this invitation with anyone else who may wish to attend. Thank you for joining CMS in our efforts to improve the quality of care and quality of life for America's nursing home residents.

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