



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: Infection Control Webinar Series ENCORE Presentations

Memorandum Summary

- **Encore of Webinar Series:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) produced a series of three webinars covering current issues in infection control and prevention earlier this year. There will be an encore presentation of each webinar this summer.
- **Attendance:** The webinars are mandatory for all long term care surveyor staff at the State Survey Agencies and CMS Regional Offices who did not participate in the initial offering. Archived versions of the webinars will also be made available 60-90 days after the initial offering dates. Registration information will be communicated to State Training Coordinators and Regional Training Administrators as it becomes available.

Purpose

The CMS produced a series of three webinars on current issues in infection control and prevention related to nursing homes earlier in the year in February, March, and April. There will be an encore presentation of the entire series this summer in June, July, and August. The encore presentations are intended for all Regional Office and State Survey Agency long term care surveyors who did not participate in the initial offering. The encore presentations are mandatory only for this cohort of long term care surveyors.

All webinar encore presentations will be presented by Jemima Drake, nurse consultant with the Division of Nursing Homes and Karen Hoffmann, registered nurse, infection preventionist, and CMS contract consultant for infection control and prevention. Presentation materials will be available for download the day of each webinar. Additionally, the entire series of webinars is in the process of being archived. Archived versions of the webinars should be available within 60-90 days of the initial offering dates in February, March, and April of this year. State Training Coordinators and Regional Training Administrators will be notified when the archived webinars become available.

Details for Encore Presentations

The first encore presentation is of the webinar, “Multi-Drug resistant Organisms (MDROs) in the Nursing Home Setting,” and it is scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2015, 12:30-2:00 pm ET. This is the same webinar that was presented on Monday, February 23, 2015. Topics covered in this 90 minute webinar encore presentation will include bacteria basics and types of bacteria, antibiotic basics, antibiotic stewardship, and mechanisms of resistance, current CDC guidance, surveyor tips, and more.

The second encore presentation is of the webinar, “Preventing Urinary Tract and Respiratory Tract Infections in the Nursing Home,” and it is scheduled for Monday, July 20, 2015, 2:00-3:30 pm ET. This is the same webinar that was presented on Monday, March 30, 2015. The topics covered in this 90 minute webinar will include differentiating between asymptomatic bacteriuria and urinary tract infection (UTI); and differentiating bacterial and viral respiratory tract infections (RTIs) in elderly, learning geriatric “pearls” in identifying, preventing and treating UTIs and RTIs, reviewing nursing home regulations associated with infection prevention and control measures, reviewing the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) catheter associated urinary tract infections (CAUTI) Safety Program.

The third encore presentation is of the webinar, “Infection Prevention in the Nursing Home,” and it is scheduled for Monday, August 31, 2015, 2:00 to 3:30 pm ET. This is the same webinar that was presented on Monday, April 27, 2015. The topics of this 90 minute webinar include general infection control concerns in the nursing home environment including those concerns related to *Clostridium difficile*.

Long term care surveyors are not required to attend any of the encore presentations if they already attended the initial offerings of the webinars in February, March, and April.

Registration and Attendance

Registration & attendance information will be communicated to the State Training Coordinators & Regional Training Administrators by the CMS Training Coordinator (Fred Mehl) as information becomes available.

Contact: Please send webinar technical questions to the CMS Survey and Certification Group Webinars mailbox: scgwebinars@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.

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