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To: All Nursing Home Administrators/ Director of Nursing

From: Margie Heald, Acting Director, Office of Health Care Quality

RE: Quality Indicator Survey (QIS), Access to Resident Weight Requirements

Date: November 3, 2009

As you are aware, the surveyors began implementing the QIS process in January 2009. Surveyors continue to experience delays in the time it takes the facility staff to provide documentation of resident weights during the Stage 1 review. Surveyors are unable to move forward in the survey process without this information.

Upon entrance to the facility, the survey team leader will request comprehensive weight information for all residents residing in the facility, as well as for closed records. It is expected that this information be provided to the surveyors as soon as possible.

Stage 1 of the QIS survey process requires surveyors to import this information into the Data Collection Tool. This information, after the active and closed record reviews are completed, is analyzed and processed to conduct the Stage 2 review. It is essential for the surveyors to have access to the entire medical record to ensure the accuracy of survey findings.

Thank you for assistance in this matter.

For further guidance please refer to:

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