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S&C MEMO 14-34-NH: ADVANCE REVISIONS INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE AT F-371

Dear Nursing Home Administrators and/or Interested Parties:

Recently, the Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued S&C Memo 14-34 revising F-371 guidance about the use of pasteurized shell eggs or liquid pasteurized eggs to reduce the risk of residents contracting Salmonella Enteritidis (SE) in nursing home facilities. The revised guidance is effective immediately.

In accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) standards on serving pasteurized eggs to residents, CMS has advised that facilities take certain precautions with eggs that include the following:

1. If a resident prefers undercooked eggs such as soft-cooked or sunny-side up, then the facility must use pasteurized eggs.
2. If a facility uses unpasteurized shell eggs for individual resident consumption, those eggs must be cooked until both the yolk and white are completely firm and then served immediately.

You can review the CMS S&C Memo and Revised F371 guidance on the internet at <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Downloads/Survey-and-Cert-Letter-14-34.pdf>.

Thank you for your continued commitment to nursing home residents. If you have any questions, please contact your RCS Field Manager.

Sincerely,



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