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BUILDING RESPECT FOR LESBIAN, GAY
BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER (LGBT) OLDER ADULTS

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

The purpose of this letter is to inform facilities and Administrators about two recent Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) announcements. The first announcement concerns a new online learning tool entitled "Building Respect for LGBT Older Adults". The second announcement is to remind facilities about the discharge requirements for residents who are transferred to non-certified beds in the same facility.

Building Respect for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Older Adults

In collaboration with CMS and other federal agencies, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Office of Public Affairs has released an online learning tool entitled Building Respect for LGBT Older Adults that is designed to increase awareness of the issues faced by LGBT individuals living in long-term care (LTC) facilities. It consists of six training modules which include video testimonials, quizzes, and helpful information on how to make LTC facilities more inclusive for this population. Each module lasts approximately 10 minutes. You can access the learning tool at <http://lgbtagingcenter.org/training/buildingRespect.cfm>.

Discharge of Residents to Non-certified Beds

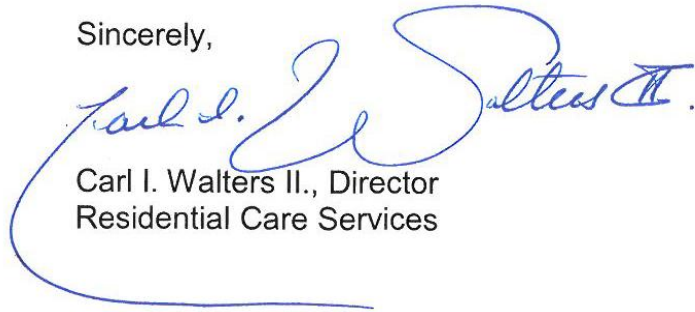
In the case of facilities which maintain both certified and non-certified beds, CMS seeks to remind facilities that they are required to do Discharge Assessments for residents who are transferred to non-certified beds. Facilities should know that all Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA)-required assessments, including Discharge Assessments, are required assessments that NFs and SNFs must complete and submit to the Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (QIES) Assessment Submission and Processing (ASAP) system in accordance with the requirements outlined in the RAI User's Manual.

This request is referenced in RAI User's Manual Version 1.12 posted on the CMS Nursing Home Quality Initiatives website - <http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/MDS30RAIManual.html>.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl I. Walters II." The signature is stylized and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Carl I. Walters II., Director
Residential Care Services

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