



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: Publication of Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities; Proposed Rule (CMS-3260-P) – *Informational Only*

Memorandum Summary

- **Publication of Proposed Rule for Long-Term Care Facilities:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) published a proposed rule (CMS-3260-P) on July 16, 2015 that would revise the requirements that long-term care facilities must meet in order to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid Programs.
- **Comment Period:** Comments must be received no later than 5PM on September 14, 2015 to be assured consideration.

On July 16, 2015 CMS published the proposed rule Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities (CMS-3260-P). The proposed rule would revise the requirements that long-term care facilities must meet in order to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid Programs, which have not been comprehensively updated since September 26, 1991. The proposed updates reflect the advancements in service delivery and will improve the care and safety of nursing home residents, while reducing procedural burden to providers.

The proposed rule can be viewed at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-07-16/pdf/2015-17207.pdf>. Comments must be received no later than 5PM on September 14, 2015 to be assured consideration.

Effective Date: Proposed Rule CMS-3260-P: Comments must be received no later than 5PM on September 14, 2015.

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