

# CMS REFORM OF REQUIREMENTS FOR LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES: IMPACT ON PHARMACY SERVICES

## PHASE 1: STARTED 11/28/2016

## The Pharmacist Must Report Irregularities to:

Attending Physician

Director of Nursing

**Medical Director** 

Report must include resident's name, relevant drug, and irregularity

## Response to Pharmacist Reports

Attending Physician must document in the medical record:

- The irregularity that has been reviewed
- The **action** that has been taken to address the irregularity
- If no changes, document the rationale in the medical record

## P&P for Drug Regimen Review

Facility must develop and maintain **Policies and Procedures** for the monthly Drug Regimen Review

Policy must identify timeframes for different steps in the process

Identify steps the Pharmacist must take when an irregularity is identified that requires urgent action

## Updated Definition of "Irregularity"

Irregularity = Includes, but not limited to, Unnecessary Drug F329

#### Unnecessary Drug =

Any drug when used in:

- 1) Excessive dose
- 2) Excessive duration
- Without adequate monitoring
- 4) Without adequate indications for its use
- 5) In the presence of adverse consequences
- Any combinations of the reasons

## PHASE 2: BEGINS 11/28/2017

## Updated Definition of "Psychotropic Drug"

"Drug that affects brain activities associated w/mental processes and behavior," including:

> Antipsychotics Antidepressants Anti-Anxiety Hypnotics

All psychotropic drugs will be held to the same standards

GDRs, behavioral interventions for **all** psychotropics

## PRN Psychotropic Drugs

PRN orders for psychotropic drugs are limited to 14 days\*

> Includes: Antidepressants Anti-Anxiety Hypnotics

- \*To extend a PRN order past 14 days, the prescriber must:
- Document their rationale in the medical record
- Indicate the duration for the PRN order

## PRN Antipsychotics

PRN orders for antipsychotic drugs are limited to 14 days

No Exceptions

Cannot be renewed unless the prescriber evaluates the resident for the appropriateness of that medication

After the evaluation, a new order could be written for 14 days

## Other Important Requirements

§483.75 Initial **QAPI** Plan: Present to state survey agency

#### §483.80 Antibiotic Stewardship:

- Antibiotic protocols
- A system to monitor antibiotic use

Discharge Summary/ Medication Reconciliation of predischarge and postdischarge medications