

PADONA UPDATES July 18, 2022



PADONA has a full time Executive Director of Educational Programming and Services

Effective July 11, 2022, PADONA has a full time executive director educational programming and services. If you are wondering, so what does this mean for the members? Let's review:

- Increased number of educational webinars throughout each month
- Federal regulation reviews through webinars
- Directed In-service education from PADONA, following surveys
- Education available to nurse leaders for you and your facility teams, including
 - ✓ Documentation education
 - ✓ Skilled services education
 - ✓ Triple check process education
 - ✓ Restorative Nursing program education
 - ✓ DON orientation and education
 - ✓ MDS education
 - ✓ Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement education
 - ✓ Supervisory nursing education
 - ✓ Risk management education
 - ✓ Mock survey education
- We can assist in finding topic specific education
- We can assist in finding vendors for products through our network
- Increased updates in the members email related to federal and state updates when there is new information that impacts the nurse leader, the nursing department or the facility in some way

And these are just a few of the things we can assist with!

Contact Sophie Campbell at: scampbell@padona.com or 724-601-7873 if you need more information or want to see if PADONA can assist you to meet your educational needs!

Please go to the PADONA website often to see what is new related to education and watch your email for additional information!

Program Title: Federal Regulation F689: Accident Hazards/Supervision/Devices

DATE: August 4, 2022

TIME: 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

COST: \$35 for members and \$50 for non-members.

Description of the Professional Practice Gap: Federal regulation F689 Accident Hazards/Supervision/Devices has been and remains one of the top five cited regulations both nationally and in Pennsylvania. There are so many variations of resident situations that can be cited under this regulation. There are also audits and education and general reviews that can assist providers to maintain resident safety, prevent accidents and prevent deficiencies related to federal regulation F689. This session will provide an overview of the regulation, surveyor guidance and provide recommendations toward preventing the citation of the regulation as a deficiency during survey.

Learning Outcomes: At the completion of the education session:

1. 95% of learners will have completed the evaluation with the correct beginning and ending codes.
2. 95% of learners will be able to state the requirements of F689 federal regulation.
3. 95% of learners will be able to discuss the opportunities to prevent the federal regulation deficiency during survey.
4. 95% of learners will attend the full 60-minute education webinar and complete the evaluation following the education.

Presenter: Sophie Campbell, MS, RN, CRRN, RAC-CT, CNDLTC, Executive Director Educational Programming and Services

Support Organization: Pennsylvania Association of Directors of Nursing Administration (PADONA)

1.0 Nursing Continuing Professional Development contact hours will be awarded after completion of an online program evaluation which includes submission of your license number, attending the webinar for the entire 60 minutes and inclusion of the correct beginning and ending codes on the evaluation form.

PADONA is an approved provider, with distinction, of Nursing Continuing Professional Development contact hours by the Pennsylvania State Nurses Association Approver Unit, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

PADONA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE 2022

The PADONA Leadership Course is scheduled for Tuesday September 27 through Friday September 30. This is a virtual course again this year because of the increasing spread of the Omicron Variant throughout the state.

The topics selected for the Course are relevant to the role of the nurse leaders in long-term care. These are the topics that will assist nurse leaders to know what to expect from vendors, how to get the most from their vendor contracts to assist them and make their workload more efficient, how to manage the things that management expects of them and what they can expect of and include on position descriptions for other nurse leaders in their long-term care facilities.

Whether you are a new nurse leader who feels like you need some guidance and direction in these areas or a seasoned nurse leader who feels like you need a refresher in these areas that you have been working in or an administrator who wants more information – **THIS COURSE IS FOR YOU!!**

The Leadership Course provides breaks between all sessions for 30 minutes and 60 minutes for lunch because PADONA knows work continues even during valuable education.

The Leadership Course provides **25 Nursing Continuing Professional Development contact hours** for the attendance through each session, completion of the evaluation and entering accurate beginning and ending codes for each session in the evaluation.

The Leadership Development Course also provides 25 credit hours for administrators! If you feel that it would really be helpful for your administrator to learn the same things you are learning as a nurse leader in your facility through this Course – please share this information with them! PADONA believes this is relevant information and the Course has been approved for the 25 administrator credit hours – with the same requirements as the nursing contact hours.

The leadership development Course is also a requirement for the certification exam for the Certified Nursing Director Long Term Care (CNDLTC) certification. The questions on the exam are taken from these relevant educational sessions and an 80% correct response rate is required to pass the certification exam. Payment for the Course includes one attempt at the exam. However, three attempts are permitted to attain a passing score and become certified.

PADONA hopes you will join us for this exciting and very relevant educational opportunity in September!!!

Education sessions include:

- Infection prevention and the role of the infection preventionist
- Nursing department budget management
- Restorative Nursing Program overview and management
- What to expect from your pharmacy vendor and consultant pharmacist
- Critical partnerships with rehabilitation therapy
- Quality measures and overview of the 5-star quality rating program
- Survey preparation and follow up after survey completion
- Review of the top deficiencies cited in surveys and how to avoid them
- Pressure ulcer prevention and management and the role of the wound care nurse

- Medical record documentation overview
- Safeguarding resident information in an electronic environment
- Legal aspects for nursing
- How to read a P&L statement
- Review of the skilled services in the PDPM reimbursement system
- MDS for the manager
- Role of the Attorney General's Office in the long-term care setting

These education sessions are presented live and not previously recorded. There is the opportunity for learners to ask questions of the presenter at the time of the session.

The Leadership Development Course with 4 full days of education and 25 Nursing Continuing Professional development contact hours and 25 administrator credit hours is being provided for \$700. This is ONLY \$28 per contact/credit hour!

Early bird discount if registered and paid by the end of August (August 31) is \$650 for members.

Can't attend for the full 4 days? You can attend per day of education for ONLY \$200 per day.

Can't attend at all but want the information and education?

Each session of the course is recorded and will be available (without contact/credit hours) for purchase on the PADONA website as individual sessions, full day bundles and full course bundles.

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PADONA Posts Staff Needs to Website

If you are experiencing staffing needs, PADONA can assist. As a PADONA member, one of your benefits is that PADONA will post your ads for positions on our website without cost. If you are in need of a posting a staffing ad, please send the written ad to Candy Jones at cjones@padona.com and it will be posted on the PADONA website. The PADONA website is where Pennsylvania nurses and nurse leaders go to look for available positions. We are here to help you fill those needed positions.

PADONA Education Recordings

If you have been unable to attend any PADONA education including webinars and the annual education convention (clinical track), the education is available in recorded format for you. PADONA records all educational events because we understand that nurse leaders are not always available or able to take the time for educational events. We also recognize that staff development is more necessary than ever for nursing team members but the budgets for these and the time is not always available.

Please go to the PADONA website within a week of each education event provided by PADONA for the recording. Each recording is available for purchase. The purchased education includes the power point materials used for the in-person education, the recording of the education and any additional materials provided. There are no nursing continuing professional development contact hours awarded as the result of listening to the recorded education. However, the recoded education can be used for education of team members in the facility.

Currently, all ten sessions included in the clinical track of the PADONA Annual Convention are available for purchase as individual education sessions, by the day of the convention or the full clinical track of the Annual Convention. Additionally, the most recent education webinar hosted by PADONA on the topic of Pressure Ulcer Overview from Prevention to Management and Quality Measures is also available for purchase.

Please go to the **PADONA website** to review the **educational recordings** that are available for purchase for your education and for use with your team members. Why pay for other educational webinars when there is so much great education available from PADONA?!

Let PADONA help you educate your staff while you reduce your workload related to education by using the recorded webinars for staff education.

Infection Prevention Resources

PADONA is represented on the HAI state task force by Sophie Campbell, Executive Director Educational Programming and Services. If you have questions for the task force or have information or a success story from your facility that you would like to share, please contact Sophie at scampbell@padona.com or 724-601-7873.

During the most recent task force meeting, the Patient Safety Authority shared a table of Contents that they have developed that will be available soon to providers to ensure that your infection prevention and control manuals include all of the required information. Additionally the Pennsylvania Department of Epidemiology is working on some standards and guidelines. PADONA will provide this information as it becomes available.

The following sites were provided at the most recent task force meeting as resources related to infection prevention and control. We hope you find them helpful.

<https://patientsafetyeducation.org/courses/the-basics-of-infection-prevention-in-long-term-care/>

Project FirstLine videos:

<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline/resources/videos.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline/resources/facilitator-toolkit.html>

<https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/HAIP-AS/Pages/PA-Project-Firstline.aspx>



REMINDER: Sept. 1 to Sept. 21: AHRQ Surveys on Patient Safety Culture™ Nursing Home Data Submission

Voluntary free data submissions to the Surveys on Patient Safety Culture™ Nursing Home Data open **Sept. 1 - 21** for nursing homes that have administered the [AHRQ Nursing Home Survey or Safety Culture](#). Participating nursing homes will receive feedback reports displaying their results aggregated, de-identified results from all database participants for patient safety improvement purposes. Nursing homes that have not previously administered the survey still have time to participate.

SOPS Nursing Home Survey With Workplace Safety Supplemental Items Pilot Test

Nursing homes are also invited to participate in the [SOPS Nursing Home Survey With Workplace Supplemental Item Set Pilot Test](#) free of charge (July-August) and have their data submitted to the Nursing Home Database. Eligible nursing homes may receive an incentive for their participation test.

[Select to access survey and supporting materials](#) and [learn more about database submission](#).



Watch the brief animated video: [Why Submit to the AHRQ SOPS Databases?](#)

For questions, please contact the AHRQ patient safety culture databases team at 1-888-324-9795 or DatabasesOnSafetyCulture@westat.com.

Thank you for your life-saving work and commitment to patient safety!

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AMI RISE – Resiliency Infrastructure Support Empowerment

This is a long term care facility quality improvement program that offers free assessments, training and management tools with the goals of workforce resiliency, infection prevention and control and emergency preparedness and sustainable outbreak response operations. They are divided into three areas in the state of the southwest, northcentral and northeast.

The services offered include:

- *Infection prevention and control bereavement*
- *Patient safety*
- *Outbreak policy and procedure*
- *Resident and family customer satisfaction*
- * *Palliative care, hospice,*
- * *Resident mobility and mentation*
- * *Staff resiliency and education*
- * *Emergency preparedness*

**Additional information is attached*

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Post-Acute Care Quality Reporting Programs

Quality Reporting Program: Non-Compliance Letters for FY 2023 APU

CMS is providing notifications to facilities that were determined to be out of compliance with Quality Reporting Program (QRP) requirements for CY 2021, which will affect their FY 2023 Annual Payment Update (APU). Non-compliance notifications are being distributed by the Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) and were placed into facilities' CASPER folders in QIES, for Hospice and SNFs, and into facilities' My Reports folders in iQIES, for IRFs and LTCHs, on **July 13th, 2022**. Facilities that receive a letter of non-compliance may submit a request for reconsideration to CMS **via email no later than 11:59 pm, August 11th, 2022**.

If you receive a notice of non-compliance and would like to request a reconsideration, see the instructions in your notice of non-compliance and on the appropriate QRP webpage:

- [IRF Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#)
- [LTCH Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#)
- [SNF Quality Reporting Reconsideration and Exception & Extension](#)
- [Hospice Quality Reporting Reconsideration Requests](#)

CDC Updates Nursing Home Guidance on Enhanced Barrier Precautions

In an effort to help reduce the growing threat posed by multidrug-resistant organisms (MDRO), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has updated its guidance on enhanced barrier precautions (EBP) in nursing facilities.

The new recommendations, which expand the use of gowns and gloves during high-contact resident care activities, were released Tuesday. On the same day, the CDC unveiled a sobering study showing that overall U.S. infections from antibiotic-resistant bugs spiked 15% during the early pandemic.

Nursing home residents have a high prevalence of MDRO colonization, putting them at risk for becoming seriously ill, according to CDC data. In fact, one large study across nursing homes found that almost 6 in 10 residents in facilities that are not ventilator capable were colonized with an MDRO. In ventilator-capable nursing homes, which care for the most complex residents, that proportion rose to 76%, or nearly 80 in 100 residents colonized with these organisms, according to Kara Jacobs Slifka, M.D., MPH.

Most of these colonizations remain undetected, Slifka, a medical officer with the CDC's Infection Prevention and Control Response Team, said in a Wednesday nursing home stakeholder call. But transmission of these bugs, which can occur during patient care, contributes to "substantial resident morbidity and mortality" in nursing facilities, the CDC stated in an updated webpage at: <https://www.cdc.gov/hai/containment/PPE-Nursing-Homes.html>

The new implementation guidance addresses this risk by expanding the range of residents for whom EBP use applies. EBP is no longer limited to outbreaks or specific MDROs and should be applied more broadly, Slifka said.

Along with residents who have an infection or colonization with an MDRO, the use of EBP should now extend to any resident with an indwelling medical device or wound, the new guidance stated. For these residents, EBP should be used no matter their MDRO colonization or infection status, and in most situations, EBP should be continued throughout the duration of the resident's stay.

The CDC also expanded the types of MDROs it includes in its EBP recommendations. Details on specific organisms can be found on the updated webpage. The new guidance does not replace existing recommendations on the use of contact precautions for other pathogens in nursing homes such as *Clostridioides difficile* and norovirus, the agency added.

Staff training and ready supplies are critical to getting these precautions right, the CDC further noted. The updated guidance includes practical suggestions for encouraging awareness of the facility's expectations and increasing on-the-ground availability of supplies.

"Effective implementation of EBP requires staff training on the proper use of personal protective equipment (PPE) and the availability of PPE and hand hygiene supplies at the point of care," the CDC stated.

The new guidance can be found on the CDC's website
<https://www.cdc.gov/hai/containment/PPE-Nursing-Homes.html>



PSNA CALL FOR VIRTUAL POSTER PRESENTATIONS

The Pennsylvania State Nurses Association (PSNA), the state's leading professional nursing organization representing more than 228,000 registered nurses, will hold a virtual summit on **October 7, 2022**. PSNA encourages poster presentations highlighting the vital work of professional nurses in our communities, hospitals, schools, and homes.

All nurses, regardless of experience or area of work, are invited to submit a poster abstract. Is this your first presentation? We're here to help! PSNA will arrange for mentor guidance and will walk you through the process.

Important Dates:

August 12, 2022: Abstract due

September 1, 2022: All candidates will be notified of decision results by this date

September 23, 2022: PowerPoint file due

Submission Requirements:

Abstract: 250-500 word abstract following [these guidelines](#)

Poster: If selected, PSNA will provide a PowerPoint template

Presenters will have the following opportunities to present research and communicate with attendees:

- Provide a poster to be published
- Opt-in to participate in real-time discussion with attendees

Submit all items to Kelly Stephens at kstephens@psna.org

Ideas to Get You Started:

- Alternative/complementary healthcare
- Public health initiatives
- Racial/ethnic disparities in nursing
- Telemedicine
- Travel nursing
- Workplace safety
- Compassion fatigue
- Evidence-based practice and research
- Healthy environments
- Interprofessional collaboration
- Psychiatric/mental health
- Leadership
- Mentoring new nurses
- Nursing economics
- Population health
- Professional advocacy
- Racial/ethnic disparities
- Workplace safety
- Psychiatric/mental health
- Geriatric nursing



Post-Acute Care Quality Reporting Programs

Staffing Measure Rating Changes with the July 2022 Refresh

In January 2022, CMS began posting new weekend staffing and staff turnover measures on Care Compare ([CMS memorandum QSO 22-08-NH](#)). These measures will be included in Nursing Home Five Star Quality Rating System methodology starting with the July 2022 Care Compare refresh.

In addition to existing measures of registered nurse (RN) and total nurse hours per resident per day, the new staffing rating methodology will include the following measures:

- Total nurse staffing hours per resident per day weekends;
- Total nurse staff turnover within a given year;
- Registered nurse (RN) turnover with a given year; and
- Number of administrators who have left the nursing home within a given year.

Each nursing home's performance on the staffing measures are converted to points, then summed and compared to thresholds to determine the staffing star rating. Additionally, to emphasize the importance of staffing, we will no longer add one star to the overall rating of nursing homes that have a four-star staffing rating. Rather, only nursing homes with a five-star staffing rating will be rewarded with an increase in their overall star rating.

Additional details regarding the staffing rating methodology are included in the [Nursing Home Five-Star Quality Rating Technical Users' Guide](#). (PADONA has provided the updated manual)

Notes from the updates:

Includes data through the first calendar quarter of 2022;

CMS will **no longer** add one star to the overall rating of nursing homes that have a four-star staffing rating.

Only nursing homes with a five-star staffing rating will be rewarded with an increase in their overall star rating.

Cut points are listed in Appendix Table A2 (page 26 -27) and all changes are italicized in red.



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Errata V3.00.8 for MDS V3.00.1 (FINAL) Data Submission Specifications Posted

An updated errata for the MDS V3.00.1 (FINAL) Data Specifications is now available for download under the **Downloads** section at the bottom of the MDS technical webpage. Two issues have been added. Discharge performance Items in Section GG were receiving the APU warning edits when A0310B = [01] instead of when A0310H = [1]. The mappings of these items are corrected in the resolutions to these issues. These changes will be applied retroactively on October 1, 2022

(Please share this information with your MDS Coordinator/nurses)



Quality Payment PROGRAM



Register: July 26 Public Webinar – Overview of 2023 Proposed Rule for Quality Payment Program

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is hosting a public webinar on **Tuesday, July 26 at 1:30 p.m. ET** to provide an overview of proposed policies for the 2023 performance year of the Quality Payment Program.

During the webinar, CMS subject matter experts will cover the following:

- Overview and future direction of the Quality Payment Program
- [2023 proposed policy changes](#) for traditional MIPS, MIPS Value Pathways (MVPs), the [Medicare Shared Savings Program](#), and Advanced Alternative Payment Models (APMs)
- Key differences between 2022 performance year and proposed 2023 performance year requirements

Following the presentation, CMS will answer questions from attendees, as time permits.

Webinar Details

- **Title:** Overview of the 2023 Proposed Rule for the Quality Payment Program
- **Date:** Tuesday, July 26, 2022
- **Time:** 1:30 – 3 p.m. ET
- **Registration Link:**
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DfocECJgS3SggEqHnCjeVQ



You are Invited to a National Stakeholder Call with the CMS Administrator (7/19/22)

Please join the Administrator of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, and her leadership team, who will provide an update on CMS' recent accomplishments and how our cross-cutting initiatives are advancing CMS' Strategic Plan. CMS serves the public as a trusted partner and steward dedicated to advancing health equity, expanding coverage, and improving health outcomes as we engage the communities we serve throughout the policymaking and implementation process. Our third National Stakeholder Call with the CMS Administrator in 2022 will provide an opportunity to learn more about how you can partner with us to help implement our Strategic Plan and key initiatives.

When: July 19, 2022 from 1:00 PM (ET) – 2:00 PM (ET)

Speakers:

- CMS Administrator, Chiquita Brooks-LaSure
- CMS Principal Deputy Administrator and Chief Operating Officer, Jon Blum
- CMS Leadership Team

Who should attend: National and local CMS stakeholders and partners

RSVP: https://cms.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Eta_4TEKSTGvy79H7ibxlg

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the call. Please note that when you click the link to join the call on July 19, you will see a message stating that the host will allow you to join the event momentarily. Please continue to wait at that screen until the CMS team begins the call.

New Infection Control Certification Launches for Long-Term Care Settings

The Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology (CBIC) is launching a new certification for infection prevention and control professionals who work in long-term care settings. Information related to this certification can be found at:

<https://www.cbic.org/CBIC/Long-term-care-certification.htm>.

The program is not the first of its kind, consultant Deb Burdsall, Ph.D., RN-BC, a certified infection preventionist who spent 25 years in that position with Illinois-based Lutheran Life Communities, noted. Rather, she said, the new certification gives long-term care workers tasked with infection prevention and control a new option developed “by infection preventionists, for infection preventionists.”

She added that she is “thrilled” that the long-term care industry will have an official certification from the board.

CBIC says that the new certification is the first to specifically measure competencies necessary to protect long-term care residents from infection. The organization already offers certification for general healthcare settings.

“LTC infection preventionists need to understand how person centered resident care aligns with individualized infection prevention interventions such as testing, appropriate treatment, isolation, visitation, community activities, therapy and interaction with staff members,” Burdsall said.

According to the CBIC, approximately 61% of infection preventionists in nursing homes do not have specialized training, and less than 10% are certified in the field.

“Certification is an important way to demonstrate competency in infection prevention and control and has been tied to better hospital patient outcomes,” said CBIC President Sandra Callery, RN, MHSc, CIC. “Now, for the first time, individuals with responsibility for infection prevention and control programs in long-term care settings can obtain certification that is more tailored to their role and signifies their commitment to providing safe care.”

CBIC said it will begin accepting applications for the certification in July, with an initial testing period opening in September 2022.

The organization said that the program aligns with the Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology’s (APIC) call to action last month urging the U.S. healthcare industry, including long-term care facilities, to strengthen infection control strategies for future pandemic preparedness. The APIC call to action can be reviewed at: <https://apic.org/between-a-rock-and-hard-place-march-2022/>

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Have you joined the PADONA forum yet?

Follow the link below and register your account today. One of our forum moderators will then approve your registration and you will be free to start using the service. You will have the ability to turn on/off notifications for discussions you are participating in. You will also have the ability to send each other private messages via the forum. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

<http://padona.com/forum>

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**We offer Nursing Contact Hours with our Directed Inservice educational offerings
AND a discounted rate for facility's with at least one PADONA member!**

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