On Friday, June 30th, CMS released information including the revised interpretative guidelines and the revised F-tags. A memorandum summary includes:

- **Revised Interpretive Guidance:** In September 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released revised Requirements for Participation under the Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities rule. CMS is releasing revised Interpretive Guidance to be effective November 28, 2017.

- **Revised F Tags:** The revisions to the regulations caused many of the prior regulatory citations to be re-designated. As such, CMS was required to re-number the F-Tags used to identify each regulatory part. Those new F-Tags are described here.

- **Training Resources:** CMS is providing several training resources on their website and on an MLN Connect call on July 25, 2017 from 1:30 to 3:00pm EST.

- Enforcement and Nursing Home Compare Considerations: To address concerns related to the scope and timing of the changes, CMS will be providing limited enforcement remedies for certain Phase 2 provisions and will be holding constant the Nursing Home Compare health inspection rating for one year.

Also released was the advance copy of the revisions to the F-tags and the Interpretive Guidance in Appendix PP.
CMS also posted two additional documents that are important to CDM, CFPPs.

Updated List: Federal Regulatory Groups for Long Term Care Facilities (click HERE to view)
Phase 2 Tag Crosswalk – Click HERE to see which F Tag changes are relevant to CDM, CFPPS
   For the full list of F Tag changes, click HERE.

For more information regarding the CMS LTC Requirements click HERE.

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