CMS Releases State Operating Manual (Appendix PP)

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 renumber 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 our 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 <u>HERE</u> to view)

Phase 2 Tag Crosswalk – Click <u>HERE</u> to see which F Tag changes are relevant to CDM, CFPPS

For the full list of F Tag changes, click <u>HERE</u>.

For more information regarding the CMS LTC Requirements click <u>HERE</u>.

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