Medicare/Medicaid: Regulations Finalized For Posting Of Nurse Staffing Data In Skilled Nursing, Long-Term Care Facilities.

The new regulations take effect December 27, 2005. On October 28, 2005 the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published the finalized form of its regulations for daily collection and posting of nursing-staffing data in skilled nursing facilities and long-term care facilities.

CMS’s 10/28/05 Federal Register announcement explains the history of this development and CMS’s rationale for implementing it. CMS states that quality of care will be improved by greater public accountability for maintenance of appropriate levels of nurse staffing.

We have placed CMS’s 10/28/05 non-copyrighted nine-page Federal Register announcement on our website at www.nursinglaw.com/nursestaffing.pdf

The new regulations themselves, reproduced verbatim in the right-hand column, appear at the very end of the CMS announcement.

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