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Hospice News: Surveyors Wield New Infection Control Tool

Check out the updated tool surveyors will use to assess your agency for an infection control survey.

In a memo to surveyors issued Dec. 30, 2020, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services makes a number of COVID-19-related revisions to the IC survey tool. For home health and hospice providers, "the relevant revisions ... are hand hygiene and use of personal protective equipment (PPE)," offers the National Association for Home Care & Hospice in its member newsletter.



Plus: In accordance with the updated memo, "hospice inpatient units ... should have a screening process to assess for signs/symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and for exposure to others with known or suspected COVID-19," NAHC advises.

The 12-page memo and tool are at www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-21-08-nltc.pdf.