

## Long-Term Care Survey Alert

### Handy Resources List: Here are more sources to help you get more information

The latest guidance from CMS on F411 was issued in 2009, the "Updated Guidance to Surveyors for 42 CFR 483.65 [Federal tag F441 – Infection Control]." Even then, the feds were pushing surveyors to investigate the appropriateness and effectiveness of antibiotics for residents receiving antibiotics, notes the Wisconsin coalition.

To read the guidance, go to

[www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Downloads/SCLetter09\\_54.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Downloads/SCLetter09_54.pdf).

For more insights about the problem of the overuse of antibiotics in nursing see "Variability in Antibiotic Use Across Nursing Homes and the Risk of Antibiotic-Related Adverse Outcomes for Individual Residents." (JAMA Internal Medicine, doi 10.1001/jamainternmed.2015.2770) published online on June 29, 2015 at [archinte.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=2337257](http://archinte.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=2337257).

A related invited commentary by **Lona Mody, MD, MSc**, and **Christopher Crnich, MD, PhD**, "Effects of Excessive Antibiotic Use in Nursing Homes" is also available at [archinte.jamanetwork.com/onlineFirst.aspx](http://archinte.jamanetwork.com/onlineFirst.aspx).