

Long-Term Care Survey Alert

NEWS FLASH

The Pressure Is On With Revised F314 Tag. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services had, at press time, just released revised survey guidance for pressure ulcers - and it's even tougher than you may have feared.

Even worse: The guidance went into effect Nov. 12, according to the transmittal at www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/pm_trans/R4SOM.pdf.

CMS also included new language at F309 to define various types of skin ulcers. "The sheer volume of the guidance (40 pages) speaks for itself," comments consultant **Diane Brown** in Boston. (For details, see the next Long-Term Care Survey Alert.)