

Long-Term Care Survey Alert

NURSING HOMES MUST POST STAFFING NUMBERS ON JAN. 1

Nursing facilities will be ringing in the New Year with another new reporting requirement. On Jan. 1, facilities must post in a visible place the numbers of direct care staff, both licensed and unlicensed, daily and for each shift.

The **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** will be specifying a "uniform manner" for facilities to display the staffing information.

CMS recently issued a memorandum to regional offices and state agencies directing surveyors to verify that facilities are posting the information, but not audit the data during the survey. (The memorandum can be read online at www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid/ltcsp/sc0303.pdf.)