

## **Long-Term Care Survey Alert**

### **Resident Safety JCAHO ASKS LTC RESIDENTS TO 'SPEAK UP'**

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations is now focusing its national "Speak Up" campaign toward long-term care and assisted living facilities. The program promotes resident safety awareness by teaching residents to be informed, involved and active in their own health care. Residents are encouraged, for example, to participate in treatment decisions. The commission says the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services supports its efforts to raises consumer awareness.