

Long-Term Care Survey Alert

Survey Management: Watch Out For These 5 Nursing Home Targets

Stay off the government's radar screen by paying attention to these five areas targeted by the **Office of Inspector General's** 2004 work plan:

1. Minimum Data Set accuracy and timeliness;
2. Trends in RUG assignments;
3. Nursing compliance with dietary services requirements;
4. Review of antipsychotic drugs prescribed for Medicaid nursing home residents to see if residents have diagnoses of mental illness;
5. Nursing home quality of care and best practices tied to functional status outcomes, staffing measures and organization characteristics.