

Long-Term Care Survey Alert

Tool: What Surveyors Want You to Know about Palliative Care

Although many important survey changes affecting palliative care are contained in the CMS guidance on F-Tag 309, it's best to take a close look at the agency's guidance to surveyors on all of the items below (look for future articles in **Long-Term Care Survey Alert** for more details).

Survey guidance regarding §483.25 Quality of Care, State Operations Manual (CMS):

F309, 310, 311, 312, 314, 315, 317, 318, 319, 320, 325, 327, 329

Guidance regarding §483.20(k) Coordinated and Comprehensive Care Plans, State Operations Manual (CMS):

F279

Guidance regarding §483.15 Quality of Life, State Operations Manual (CMS):

F241, 242

Source: Palliative Care Best Practices: A Guide for Long-Term Care and Hospice

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