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CMS INTERPRETIVE GUIDELINE CHANGES ON USE OF FEEDING TUBES

Yesterday, CMS sent a new transmittal to the state survey agencies on the use of feeding tubes in nursing homes.

In short, F321 has been combined into F322 and according to the CMS the changes were made to provide nursing home surveyors with guidance to determine compliance with use of feeding tubes by nursing homes. The revision is effective on November 30, 2011.

We will be providing a more detailed analysis of the changes in the next couple of days.

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