

CMS ISSUES ADVANCE COPY OF LONG-TERM CARE SURVEY PROTOCOL

On September 27, 2012, CMS issued an advance copy of the State Operations Manual ("SOM") revisions to Appendix P of the SOM, which addresses Long-Term Care Facility survey protocol. The SOM guidance also makes changes to various survey forms resulting from the new quality measures reports.

More specifically, the SOM changes reflect changes for the:

1. Minimum Data Set ("MDS");
2. New Quality Measures Reports;
3. Various revised CMS survey forms; and
4. Sampling and receiving antipsychotic medications.

Surveyors have been instructed to use the revised SOM beginning no later than December 12, 2012. The SOM guidance also comes with very useful PowerPoint slides that provide an excellent overview of the SOM changes.

The link to the SOM changes can be found [here](#).

If you have questions or concerns regarding the foregoing or would like additional information, please contact your regular Hall Render attorney, or Todd Selby at tselby@hallrender.com or 317.977.1440; Brian Jent at bjent@hallrender.com or 317.977.1402; or David Bufford at dbufford@hallrender.com or 502.568.9368.