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**Revisions to Chapter HFS 132, Wisconsin Administrative Code,
effective September 1, 2007**

On September 1, 2007, significant changes to Chapter HFS 132, Wisconsin Administrative Code took effect.

The revisions were developed by staff from the Division of Quality Assurance (DQA) in collaboration with representatives from the Board on Aging and Long Term Care, Disability Rights Wisconsin, Inc., and Wisconsin nursing home associations. The revised Chapter HFS 132 eliminates rules that were outdated or overly prescriptive, or were essentially duplicated in Chapter 50, Wisconsin Statutes, or in the Wisconsin Commercial Building Code or federal nursing home regulations at 42 CFR 483. These changes reduce the number of requirements in HFS 132 by almost 50 percent. Facilities continue to be responsible for being in compliance with Chapter 50, the Wisconsin Commercial Building Code, and, if certified for Medicaid or Medicare, with the federal nursing home regulations.

Two important additions were made to the code. Section HFS 132.16 creates a Quality Assurance and Improvement Committee composed of representatives from nursing homes, advocates, staff from the Department, and representatives from other interested organizations. The committee will distribute funds to facilities that have submitted innovative, cost effective proposals for improving the operation of a nursing home and the quality of life for residents. Additional information about how to apply for these funds will be available on the DQA internet site in the near future. Section HFS 132.14 (4) (b) was amended to require applicants for nursing home licensure to disclose information to the department regarding past regulatory compliance and financial history in the operation of a health care facility.

The following DQA memorandums have been updated to be consistent with the revised code and will be available on the DQA internet site shortly.

DDES-BQA-06-011
DSL-BQA-01-026

Sharing of Toilet Facilities between Sexes.
Shared Resident Spaces in Mixed Occupancy Buildings.

The DQA memorandum listed below has been rescinded.

DDES-BQA-06-012 Approval of Modular Education Program for Activity Professionals.

Other memorandums pertaining to Chapter HFS 132 will be reviewed and addressed in the future.

A current copy of Chapter HFS 132 can be obtained on the Internet at:

<http://www.legis.state.wi.us/rsb/code/dhs/dhs132.pdf>.

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