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To: Nursing Homes NH 3

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Subject: Practice Parameters Regarding the Initiation and Implementation of Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)  
in Wisconsin Long Term Care Facilities

One of the components of the Patient Self-Determination Act (federal advance directives amendment) requires facilities to provide written material informing each adult admission of the provider's policies with respect to the implementation of advance directives. While it is expected that these policies will address a broad spectrum of issues relating to the provision of care, one of the more difficult and complex policy considerations will be the issue of whether to initiate CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

In recognition of a need for the development of practice parameters which would provide guidance regarding the initiation and implementation of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, the Wisconsin Association of Nursing Homes assembled an ad hoc committee in mid-1990. The attached "Practice Parameters" are a result of that committee's efforts. The parameters have been approved by the State Medical Society and are being endorsed and distributed by the Bureau for facilities to use as a guide in developing their own policies and procedures regarding the provision of CPR. It is not a requirement that they be used, and do not suggest that a single course of action be followed by all facilities, but rather are offered as a framework for individual facility policy development.

If you have questions regarding the utilization of these guidelines, please contact your Field Operations Manager.

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