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**Invitation to Nursing Homes and Nursing Home Stakeholders to Apply for Grants
For Use of Civil Money Penalty (CMP) Funds**

The purpose of this memo is to invite nursing homes and nursing home stakeholders to apply for grants of Civil Money Penalty (CMP) funds to use for projects that will benefit nursing home residents. As you may be aware, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) makes CMP funds available to qualified entities to support proposals designed to improve the quality of care and life of persons living in nursing homes.

In November 2009, the Department of Health Services (DHS) formed the Quality Assurance and Improvement (QAI) committee to review proposals and make recommendations to the Secretary of the Department for awarding CMP funds. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act provides CMS the authority to approve the specific use of collected CMP funds. DHS recommends to CMS projects that are designed to protect the property, health, safety, and welfare of facility residents and that improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of facility operations so as to improve the quality of life, care, and treatment of its residents.

Project Proposal Categories

Recommended project proposals include, but are not limited to, the categories below:

1. Top citations/How to avoid
2. Virtual Dementia Program
3. Transitions in Care
4. Interact 2
5. Reducing paperwork.
6. Improving communication with MD/training for nurses when they need to contact MD
7. Falls prevention
8. Informed consent/psychotropic medications

The Department of Health Services/Division of Quality Assurance is especially interested in receiving grant proposals that will benefit residents with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Currently there are 397 nursing homes in Wisconsin serving approximately 29,000 residents. Almost 16,000 or 55% of residents have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia.

Nursing homes are increasingly challenged to provide a safe, calm environment for residents with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias and reduce reliance on unnecessary psychotropic medication. The Department is encouraging nursing homes and stakeholders to take this opportunity to develop innovative approaches to enhance the quality of life for nursing home residents, particularly those with dementia-related behaviors.

Guidelines and Application Information

The Division of Quality Assurance (DQA) developed a website that provides guidance for submitting a grant proposal to the QAI committee for CMP funds. The website includes information on eligibility requirements, suggested topics for proposals, projects that have been approved by the QAI committee, the Project Proposal application and instructions on how to complete the form. Nursing homes and stakeholders are encouraged to visit the website at: http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/rl_DSL/Providers/qai-intro.htm

Nursing homes, individuals or groups interesting in submitting project proposals to the QAI committee for consideration for funding should refer to the website above for information and complete the Project Proposal form (F-00176).

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to receiving project proposals.