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CLOSTRIDIUM DIFFICILE INFECTION (CDI) "TOOLKIT"

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

The Association for Health Facility Survey Agencies (AHFSA), in partnership with The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), worked on a collaborative approach to promote the prevention and control of Clostridium Difficile infection (CDI) in Long Term Care facilities.

As a part of this collaborative effort, an extensive list of resources was compiled for facilities to utilize. This "toolkit" includes resources related to hand hygiene, appropriate use of contact precautions/personal protective equipment, antibiotic stewardship, CDI risk factors, the history of CDI and more. The use of this document is not required by regulation, but is being provided as a valuable resource for training staff in infection prevention and control. A link has been added to the Information for Nursing Home Professionals webpage under the heading, *C-diff Resource "Toolkit"*. [Access it here](#)

In addition to this resource, you are also encouraged to work with the state Quality innovation-Quality Improvement Organization (QIN-QIO) and the state Healthcare Associated Infections (HAI) program for additional education, resources and technical assistance. The representatives with the QIN-QIO (Qualis Health) are Jeff West (206-288-2465) and Paula Parsons (206-288-2470). The HAI program with the Department of Health can be reached via email at HAI@doh.wa.gov.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the health and safety of nursing home residents. If you have any questions, please contact your local RCS Field Manager.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director
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