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## **Long-term Care** **NEWSLETTER**

**LTC Newsletter 2024-19**  
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### **LTC Update:**

- **Updates to Nursing Home Care Compare Staffing and Quality Measures**
- **Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP) Luminometers Training**
- **Long-term Care Leadership Conference – Nov 19**

### **Updates to Nursing Home Care Compare Staffing and Quality Measures**

CMS's Quality, Safety and Oversight Group (QSOG) released the following updates to the Nursing Home Care Compare Staffing and Quality Measures.

- **Adjustment to Staffing and Quality Measures:** CMS will update the staffing level case-mix adjustment methodology and replace some of the Quality Measures (QMs) used on Nursing Home Care Compare to accommodate changes to the Minimum Data Set (MDS). Additionally, CMS will discontinue the CMS-672 form since the section G MDS data, used to populate this form, is being eliminated.
- **Penalty for Providers that Fail to Submit Staffing Data:** To incentivize providers to submit accurate staffing data, CMS will revise the staffing rating methodology so providers who fail to submit staffing data or submit erroneous data receive the lowest score possible for corresponding staffing turnover measures.
- CMS revised the timeline for adjusting the quality measures so that all affected quality measures are updated at the same time.

You can find the memorandum here: [QSO-23-21-NH](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-23-21-nh)  
(<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-25-01-nh.pdf>)

## **Adenosine Triphosphate (ATP) Luminometers Training**

Training webinars are conducted every Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. EST for facilities who have received ATP machines. We encourage Directors of Nursing, Assistant Directors of Nursing, Infection Preventionists, Environmental Services, and other staff of your choice to attend the training.

You can select your date and register here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/3116037283656238942>.

There is also a recorded version, available here:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/8561316943786737754>

For more information about the delivery and receipt of the ATP machines, see the [Long-term Care Newsletter 2024-14](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Fallon Marsh at [fallon@hygiene.com](mailto:fallon@hygiene.com).

## **Long-term Care Leadership Conference – Nov 19**

Be sure to register and attend the 2024 IDOH Long-term Care Leadership Conference, "Safe & Sound – Prioritizing Resident Safety in Nursing Homes."

This informative conference will be Tuesday, Nov. 19, at the Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis and virtually. Topics will include fall prevention strategies, wandering and elopement behaviors, caring for residents at risk for choking, and an after-action tornado panel discussing the March 2024 tornado that impacted two long-term care facilities.

See the agenda, featured speakers, and register for the conference at

<https://www.ltconferences.com/>.



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# Safe & Sound

Prioritizing Resident Safety in Nursing Homes  
*2024 Long-Term Care Leadership Conference*

**November 19, 2024**  
**Indiana Convention Center**