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The QIS is real and YOUR facility will be affected – The QIS (Quality Indicator Survey) does exist and is being used in Ohio. Some facilities have already experienced this new survey format and yours could be next. Are you ready? Plan to attend “**Basic QIS**” to learn how your facility can succeed in this new environment. This course will be taught by a former state surveyor and will give you the information you need to make your staff confident when it comes to the QIS. “Basic QIS” will be held in Columbus, Cleveland and Cincinnati during the month of March. The class will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will include lunch. American Medical Equipment is generously sponsoring these classes and is offering attendees the option of attending “Negative Pressure Wound Therapy” for an additional hour of CEU from 4 to 5 p.m. “Basic QIS” has been approved for seven (7) hours of CEU from BENHA and “Negative Pressure Wound Therapy” has been approved for one (1) hour of CEU. Attendance at “Negative Pressure Wound Therapy” is optional, but only those attendees who stay will be given the additional one hour of CEU. Academy members may attend these programs for \$149 and non-members may attend for \$199. A member facility may send three employees for the discounted price of \$359, a savings of \$88!

- **Cleveland – Tuesday, March 24**
Holiday Inn Independence
6001 Rockside Road
Independence, Ohio 44131
- **Columbus – Wednesday, March 25**
Confluence Park Restaurant
679 W. Spring Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
- **Cincinnati – Tuesday, March 31**
Great Wolf Lodge
501 Great Wolf Dr
Mason, OH 45040

Watch your mailbox and fax for more information or you can register online at <http://www.oanh.org/educationalofferings.shtm>. For questions, contact [Dawn Kennedy](#) ([Back to top](#)).

Avoid the hospital “blame game” – Has your facility ever been blamed by a hospital for a patient condition that you believe occurred at the hospital? With new CMS initiated changes, this could happen more often. Learn how to avoid this situation by attending “**Managing Risk in the LTC**

Environment in Light of Medicare Hospital Regulatory Changes.” These new regulations change the way Medicare reimburses hospitals for conditions which they label as “hospital acquired conditions due to complications associated with poor nursing care that should never happen in an acute care setting.” If one of these conditions occurs the hospital will not receive reimbursement for any treatment rendered without significant physician documentation determining the condition occurred outside of the hospital. How does this affect facilities? Several of the conditions in question such as pressure sores, falls with trauma, and infections related to catheters occur frequently in the LTC environment. This new regulation could lead to blaming between the hospital and LTC facility. **“Managing Risk in the LTC in Light of Medicare Hospital Regulatory Changes”** will teach you how to deal with this new regulation and develop an action plan to turn the negatives of the regulations into positives. Dates and locations are:

- **Cleveland – Tuesday, April 21**
Holiday Inn Independence
6001 Rockside Road
Independence, Ohio 44131
- **Columbus – Tuesday, April 28**
Confluence Park Restaurant
679 W. Spring Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
- **Cincinnati – Thursday, April 30**
Kings Island Resort
5691 Kings Island Dr.
Mason, Ohio 45040

“Managing Risk in the LTC in Light of Medicare Hospital Regulatory Changes” will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and has been approved for four (4) CEUs. Academy members may attend this program for \$89 and non-members may attend for \$129. A member facility may send three employees for the discounted price of \$199, a savings of \$68! Watch your fax for more information or you can register online at <http://www.oanh.org/educationalofferings.shtml>. For questions, contact [Dawn Kennedy](#). ([Back to top](#)).

BENHA proposes ethics training, OANH testifies – The Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators (BENHA) has proposed three hours of self-study continuing education (CE) for professional standards, responsibilities, and ethics per year. The three-hour self-study requirement would be offset by a three-hour reduction in the classroom requirement, reducing it from 14 to 11. The proposed ethics training would be provided through BENHA and is estimated to cost \$100. The Academy testified before BENHA on Thursday, noting that the three hours of ethics education is excessive compared to similar requirements for nurses and attorneys. The Academy recommended one hour annually of ethics education that could be taught through any self-study program, not just through BENHA. No time frame for a final decision on this rule has been determined. For more information, contact [Dawn Kennedy](#). ([Back to top](#)).

Ohio legislative and government directories available – Get involved and be active in the legislative process! The Academy can help you with your grassroots efforts by providing free copies of the 2009 Ohio Legislative and Government Directory. This directory contains a listing of Ohio’s elected representatives: United State Senators and Representatives, Ohio Senators and Representatives, Governor, Lieutenant Governor and others, as well as committee information for both the Senate and House and Cabinet Member information. If you or your facility would like copies, please email [Christina O’Neal](#) at the Academy. ([Back to top](#)).

Neace Lukens customizes your coverage – At Neace Lukens Insurance & Risk Management, there are no off-the-shelf solutions—they create one just for you. Coverage that fits today’s complex business environment and your unique needs, both now and for the future. With the resources of a much larger firm, and the service of a local, independent office, Neace Lukens has become your trusted advisor for the long term. They believe you’ll be pleasantly surprised to see how hard they’ll work for you after they’ve earned your business, and their high client retention rate proves it. Because Neace Lukens is independent and privately owned, they are not tethered by the short-term vision of Wall Street, nor are they bogged down by the bureaucratic culture of a big financial conglomerate. That lets them be agile. Unconventional thinkers. Creative problem-solvers. The result? Integrated business solutions and unheard-of service. Neace Lukens, an [Academy Premier Partner](#), can show you how they can help you reach your goals through the right mix of insurance and Risk Management Solutions. For more information contact Clete Richardson or Jim Ghegan at

800/664-0772 or 614/224-0772. ([Back to top](#)).

Update from CMS – The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recently issued the following information of interest to long-term care providers:

- **MDS 3.0 implementation delayed until 2010**

CMS is planning to delay the implementation of Minimum Data Set 3.0 for one year because of concerns that there is not enough time to adequately prepare systems for the start date.

- **Five-Star Rating System**

Following are instructions for nursing homes to access their Five-Star Rating preview information:

- Go to your Quality Improvement Evaluation System (QIES) mailbox (available through your electronic connection to the State servers for submission of Minimum Data Set (MDS) data)
- Select the Certification and Survey Provider Enhanced Reports (CASPER) Reporting link located at the bottom of the Login page
- Once in the CASPER Reporting system, click on the 'Folders' button
- Access the Five Star Report in your 'st LTC facid' folder, where 'st' is the two-digit postal code of the state in which your facility is located and 'facid' is the state assigned facility identifier of your facility.

That same document announced that a new version of the Five-Star Quality Rating Technical Users' Guide and an accompanying Summary of Updates to the Technical Users' Guide document were accessible on the Five-Star Quality Rating System webpage at

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CertificationandCompliance/13_FSQRS.asp. The February Five-Star data were released on Nursing Home Compare on February 26.

- **Next Open Door Forum**

The next SNF Open Door Forum is March 5 at 2 p.m. To participate, dial 1-800-837-1935; conference ID is 70015549. Please call in at least 15 minutes before start time.

- **Emergency Preparedness**

- The new CDC website <http://www.emergency.cdc.gov/whatsnew.asp> provides all-hazards resources intended for individuals at healthcare facilities tasked with ensuring that their facility is as prepared as possible for an emergency. The healthcare facilities targeted by this page include hospitals, long-term acute and chronic care facilities, outpatient clinics and urgent care facilities, physicians' offices, and pediatric offices and hospitals.
- A new report that was released by The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) on February 24. The report, titled Recommendations for a National Mass Patient and Evacuee Movement, Regulating, and Tracking System, recommends developing a coordinated multi-jurisdictional evacuation system that builds on existing resources and procedures available at the state, local, and federal level. To develop a national system to locate, track and regulate patients and evacuees leaving disaster areas, the report recommends collecting eight essential data elements to identify each patient or evacuee, their health status and location from existing data sources like hospitals. It also recommends collecting baseline inventory levels of key resources such as available hospital beds and ambulances or other medical transportation. The recommendations report was developed by AHRQ with critical input and leadership from the Department of Defense. The report and other AHRQ-funded Public Health Emergency Preparedness are available at: <http://www.ahrq.gov/prep>.

- **Recall**

There is a voluntary product recall by Cooper Lighting of "Sure-Lite" and "AtLite" exit and emergency lights. These lights can malfunction and not stay illuminated during a power failure. The recall notice can be found at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml08/08598.html>. ([Back to top](#)).

New Membership Directory will provide marketing edge – The Academy is changing the look and design of the 2009 Membership Directory—providing advertisers with a better way to showcase their products and services. Ad sizes will increase and so will visibility! Due to the size increase of the directory (8 ½" x 11"), the ad measurements and prices have been updated. To view the revised numbers, go to <http://www.oanh.org/bus-dev.pdf>. **All ads are due no later than May 1, 2009.** Ads received after this date may not be published. Burgie MediaFusion will publish the new directory. For questions or more information, please email [Christina O'Neal](mailto:Christina.O'Neal) at the Academy. ([Back to top](#)).

Tradeshaw booths are going fast—reserve yours TODAY – If you haven't already reserved your booth for the 2009 OANH Convention & Trade Show do so TODAY, as many booths have been taken. Reserving now can ensure placement in the booth of your choice. The 2009 OANH Convention & Trade Show will be held Oct. 21-23, 2009 (Wednesday - Friday) at the Hilton Columbus

at Easton. Trade show hours will be very similar to the 2008 show. Booth prices are as follows:

- **Regular Booth Pricing**
Early Bird Booth Prices (Through June 30, 2009)
OANH Member: \$875
Non-Member: \$975
Regular Booth Prices (After June 30, 2009)
OANH Member: \$975
Non-Member: \$1,075
- **Premium Booth Pricing**
Early Bird (Through June 30, 2009): \$1,075
Regular (After June 30, 2009): \$1,275

Contracts for 2009 are available via the [OANH website](#), or you can contact [Dawn Kennedy](#) to reserve your booth. ([Back to top](#)).

New online classes now available – Take a moment and check out all the great new classes now available on the Academy's virtual university! Our online training makes CEUs available wherever you are— at work, home or on the road. These online classes have been approved by the Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators (BENHA), and administrators may use online or home study courses to fulfill up to five of their yearly 20-hour CEU requirement. Some of the new classes include:

- Introduction to OSHA and the OSH Act
- Employment Law
- Managing Electronic Communication
- Customer Service
- Fire Safety
- Building Security

You may sample any class for free, with no commitment. If you would like to take the class and receive CEU credit from BENHA, the cost is \$20-\$25; however, Academy members receive a discount. Members will need to use a discount code, which is available by the logging into the OANH website. Go to www.oanhonline.org now to learn more about these courses. If you have any questions, please contact [Dawn Kennedy](#). ([Back to top](#)).

DMEPOS suppliers urged to complete accreditation process – CMS wants to ensure that suppliers of durable medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and supplies (DMEPOS) who bill Medicare for Part B services have ample time to complete the accreditation process and thus receive an accreditation decision by the September 30, 2009 deadline. In order to meet this deadline, CMS is encouraging all enrolled DMEPOS suppliers, except those eligible professionals and other persons exempted by law, to submit a complete accreditation application to an accreditation organization as soon as possible. The accreditation requirement applies to suppliers of durable medical equipment, medical supplies, home dialysis supplies and equipment, therapeutic shoes, parenteral/enteral nutrition, transfusion medicine and prosthetic devices, prosthetics, and orthotics. Pharmacies, pedorthists, mastectomy fitters, orthopedic fitters/technicians, and athletic trainers must also meet the September 30, 2009 deadline for DMEPOS accreditation. A DMEPOS supplier that wishes to become accredited should contact an accreditation organization and obtain information about the accreditation process. Certain eligible professionals and other persons are exempted from the accreditation requirement including physicians, physical and occupational therapists, qualified speech-language pathologists, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, certified registered nurse anesthetists, certified nurse-midwives, clinical social workers, clinical psychologists, registered dietitians/nutrition professionals, orthotists, prosthetists, opticians, and audiologists. Further information on the DMEPOS accreditation requirements along with a list of the accreditation organizations may be found at www.cms.hhs.gov/medicareprovidersuperroll. ([Back to top](#)).