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## Calling All Nursing Homes: Summarizing the Fundamentals of CMS Updates to Appendix PP of the State Operations Manual

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**The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has released a revised Appendix PP to the CMS State Operations Manual that is effective October 24, 2022 and designed to enhance nursing home quality and oversight, and to clarify CMS expectations of facilities. Surveyors will use this revised guidance to identify noncompliance with the Requirements of Participation. As such, it is important to understand how the new standards might affect nursing home operations.**

This publication will provide highlights of many of the most consequential revised deficiency tags in the new Appendix PP, including tags in the following categories:

- Residents' Rights
- Freedom from Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation
- Admission, Transfer, and Discharge Rights
- Comprehensive Person-Centered Care Plans and Quality of Care
- Physician Services
- Nursing Services
- Administration
- Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement
- Infection Control
- Compliance and Ethics Program
- Training Requirements

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