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Selected CRC Highlights September 2017

<u>CMS Medicare Learning Network Call</u> On September 7, 2017, CMS experts discussed the new Facility Assessment Tool and answered "FAQs" related to the State Operations Manual Appendix PP for Phase 2.

<u>CMS Survey Forms and Pathways</u> CMS posted two Zip files in the "Downloads" section with the LTC Survey Entrance Conference & Provider Matrix along with the LTC Survey Pathways.

Depression is Not a Normal Part of Growing Older (CDC) Depression is a true and treatable medical condition, not a normal part of aging. However older adults are at an increased risk for experiencing depression.

Facility Assessment Tool (QIO) The intent of this tool, provided by the Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Program, is for facility evaluation of its resident population and identification of the resources needed to provide the necessary person-centered care and services the residents require.

<u>Nursing Home Quality Initiatives</u> There are a number of national nursing home quality initiatives; this document provides answers to frequently asked questions (August 29, 2017).

<u>Older Adults and Depression (NIMH)</u> Depression is a medical condition that interferes with daily life and normal functioning. It is not a normal part of aging, a sign of weakness, or a character flaw.

<u>QIO Nursing Home Training Sessions</u> Six training sessions and resources support implementation of principles and practices of antibiotic stewardship, prevention and management of *C. diff* infections and TeamSTEPPS[®] communication strategies and tools.

<u>Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) in Healthcare for Older Adults: Fall Prevent</u> Best Practices in Nursing Care to Older Adults, Issue QI3, 2017, The Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing, College of Nursing, New York University.

Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) in Healthcare for Older Adults: Heart Failure Best Practices in Nursing Care to Older Adults, Issue QI2, 2017, The Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing, College of Nursing, New York University.

<u>Seasonal Influenza Vaccines</u> Recommendations of the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices United States, 2017–18 Influenza Season.

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<u>WisCaregiver Career Program for Training Nursing Home CNAs</u> DHS held a webinar on September 14, 2017, to provide information about a new program. Learn more about the program and submit intent to sign up by October 6, 2017.

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