

To the Point



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Background Checks

We are required by [The Social Security Act](#) and the [Requirements of Participation \(RoP\)](#) to screen all vendors, employees and providers to make sure they have not been excluded from participating in federally funded healthcare programs, like Medicare and Medicaid. This must be done on hire, and monthly thereafter. Occasionally, names of providers are similar to a person on an exclusion list. When this happens, we need additional information to “clear” the potential match, including NPI number and date of birth. Beginning in April, we are going to start gathering this information when a new provider is added to the electronic medical record. If a provider is reluctant or unwilling to provide this information, the Health Information Management (HIM) coordinator or administrator will reach out to you for assistance.

Quality Goals – are you on track?

- **Goal #1** – Reduce avoidable hospitalizations of long term care residents to <1.3/1000 resident days
- **Goal #2** – Reduce re-hospitalizations of short stay residents to <13%
- **Goal #3** – Reduce falls with injuries to <3.3%
- **Goal #4** – Reduce off label use of antipsychotic medications to < 13%
- **Goal #5** – Weekly activity to improve infection prevention and antimicrobial stewardship

If your location is not achieving these important targets, please visit with the team to make sure there has been a thorough investigation into the underlying contributing factors, and a plan in place to improve.

PointClickCare: Your options

When you are onsite, your administrator can request a username and password for you, so that you have direct access on a Society device. If you would like to access PCC from your own device, or when you are off site, the administrator can arrange remote access for you. If you would like to be able to sign orders electronically (and cut down on your piles of paper to sign), ask the

administrator to set up Practitioner Engagement for you. If you have any questions about this, please discuss with your administrator and director of nursing, or feel free to reach out to me directly. Coming next - provider specific dashboards – let me know if you’d like to be an early reviewer.

Reminder – keep looking at Hospital Transfers

Every re-hospitalization is an opportunity to learn something that will help improve care for the next resident. The *Medical Provider Checklist* will help you take a thorough look. Be sure to report the time you spent when you submit your invoice to the administrator.

Quality Prescribing

What is the average number of medications that residents in your building are taking? Please use the regulatory expectation for monthly review of the pharmacist’s concerns as an opportunity to optimize med lists, minimizing residents’ unintended side effects and interactions. Don’t forget to report these hours when you submit your monthly invoice.

Annual Survey

Please take a few moments to complete the survey that was recently sent to your inbox. Your feedback and insights are truly valued and help drive the decisions about how the Society best supports medical directors.

Join us at AMDA-The Society for Post-Acute and LTC Medicine Annual Meeting

The Society will be hosting its annual Medical Director Appreciation Dinner in Chicago this year. If you are attending the national conference, please join us Thursday evening for an update, fellowship and celebration. If you don’t plan to make the national meeting this year, you can still take advantage of the [free CME](#) that you can access through the AMDA membership provided by the Society. Also remember, the Society helps cover costs to [become a certified medical director](#) – talk to your administrator about pursuing this exceptional professional development opportunity.

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