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**ADVANCED REVISIONS TO INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE AT F155: CPR**

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

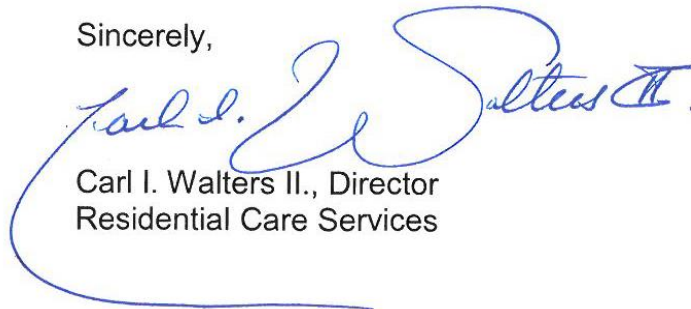
On January 23, 2015, the Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) re-issued S&C Memo 14-01-NH (originally dated October 18, 2013) regarding cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in nursing homes. The revised guidance is effective immediately. In accordance with the American Heart Association (AHA) guidelines, the CMS latest revisions include the following:

- Facilities must not implement a facility-wide “no CPR” policy as this policy may prevent implementation of a resident’s advance directives and does not meet professional standards of quality.
- Staff in the nursing home must maintain current CPR certification. Online only certification is not allowed. Certification that includes an online knowledge component but still requires an in-person demonstration is acceptable.

You can review the CMS S&C Memo and revised F155 guidance on the internet at:  
<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Downloads/Survey-and-Cert-Letter-14-01.pdf>

Thank you for your continued commitment to nursing home residents. If you have any questions, please contact your RCS Field Manager.

Sincerely,



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