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NURSING HOME QAPI INITIATIVES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

Section 6102(c) of the Affordable Care Act requires The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to establish regulations in Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) and provide technical assistance to help nursing homes develop best practices to comply with the forthcoming regulations.

CMS has developed a program of technical assistance that includes tools, resources, and training materials to help nursing homes implement QAPI and establish best practices to continuously improve the care and services delivered in each nursing home.

CMS and Advancing Excellence in America's Nursing Homes national campaign coordination group developed a set of common questions and answers in order to clarify how some of the many initiatives relate to, and are aligned with, each other.

A copy of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document can now be found on the [Nursing Home Professional and Provider](#) website under the heading "Nursing Home Quality Initiatives Questions and Answers."

You can also visit the following website for more information about the Quality Care Initiative: [Qualis Health QAPI website](#)

Please take the time to review these valuable tools. If you have any questions regarding the FAQ, contact Aimee Ford at (206)288-2567 or aimeef@qualishealth.org.

As always, thank you for your continued commitment to nursing home residents.

Sincerely,



Carl I. Walters II., Director
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