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**RELEASE OF DRAFT LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY (LTCF) RESIDENT
ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT (RAI) 3.0 USER'S MANUAL VERSION 1.14**

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has posted a DRAFT version of the Long Term Care Facility (LTCF) RAI 3.0 User's Manual, Version 1.14 to the Nursing Home Quality Initiative web page. Users can preview significant changes before they become effective October 1, 2016. The draft manual is a single PDF file with bookmarks that you can click on to take you to each section of the manual. The Draft RAI manual is located in the "related links" section of the web page at:

<http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/MDS30RAIManual.html>

For further information regarding the release of this draft, please review the Admin Info Memo 16-25-NH, which can be found at:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Downloads/Survey-and-Cert-Letter-16-25.pdf>

Thank you for your continued commitment to the health and safety of nursing home residents. If you have any questions, please contact your local RCS Field Manager.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director
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