



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

Home and Community Living Administration
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EXPIRED - QSO 19-07-NH:

ENHANCED OVERSIGHT AND ENFORCEMENT OF NON-IMPROVING LATE ADOPTERS

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

This DPL supersedes Dear Provider Letter (DPL) NH #019-008.

On March 3, 2019, CMS published [QSO 19-07-NH](#) to provide information regarding enhanced oversight and enforcement actions for facilities identified as "late adopters" due to their lack of improvement in rates of utilization of antipsychotic medication for long-stay NH residents.

On July 30, 2025, QSO 19-07-NH expired.

Effective immediately, refer to [QSO 25-14-NH](#) & [State Operations Manual, Appendix PP](#) for revised guidance regarding "unnecessary psychotropics" being integrated into the chemical restraints regulation at F605.

If you have any questions, please contact RCSpolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Abbott".

Amy Abbott, Director
Residential Care Services

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