Register Now for the Quality Assurance, Performance Improvement, and Resident Safety Training

Quality Monitoring Program is offering its new two-day training at locations across the state. This training provides nursing facility staff with the knowledge and skills to develop and evaluate different approaches to quality assurance, performance improvement, and resident safety.

Participants will be able to start and build on quality processes in their nursing facilities and teach the curriculum to other staff members.

Remaining Dates and Locations
February 5-6, 2020 - Corpus Christi
February 19-20, 2020 – Houston

Register now for this free, two-day training. Visit the conference web page for more information.
Email questions to QMP@hhsc.state.tx.us.

New Online Training Courses Available in the HHS Learning Portal

Three new QMP online training opportunities are available in the HHS Learning Portal:

- **Advanced Certified Nurse Aide Training** – This comprehensive five-module course provides nursing facility staff with a thorough education on responsibilities related to the Advanced Certified Nursing Aide (CNA).

- **Meaningful Engagement to Enhance Quality of Life** – Designed for nursing facility activity directors, licensed nurses, certified nurse aides, and ancillary staff, this training explains evidence-based best practices to help staff develop meaningful person-centered activity programs and implement individualized activities that reflect each resident’s preferences, customary habits, and lifestyle.

- **PASRR in the Nursing Facility** – A new online Preadmission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) course for nursing facility staff is available. This nine-module course provides thorough education, information, and resources that are needed to successfully complete all NF responsibilities related to the PASRR process.

To complete these courses, visit the HHS Learning Portal and create a user account. After creating your account, select the provided course links and navigate the portal to find the course. Email questions to QMP@hhsc.state.tx.us.

Nursing Facilities and Assisted Living Facilities

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) was awarded funds by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to continue their non-regulatory Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) visits to assist healthcare facilities (HCFs) to improve their infection prevention programs and reduce Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs) by assessing their practices and providing educational resources to help mitigate identified gaps and enhance
internal quality improvement audits. These assessments are done by an epidemiologist with DSHS Healthcare Safety Group. Individual assessment documentation will not be shared with regulatory agencies unless a serious health and safety issue is observed.

We are seeking skilled nursing facilities that provide ventilator support (vSNF) to participate in this free, non-regulatory assessment of their infection prevention program and practices. These high-acuity post-acute care settings serve a population that is known to require invasive medical devices (e.g., urinary and vascular catheters), wound management, and experience more frequent healthcare and antibiotic exposure, all of which contribute to the emergence and spread of resistant pathogens. However, the same service is available to nursing homes and/or skilled nursing facilities that don’t provide ventilator support.

vSNFs as well as other long-term care facilities interested in assessing their infection prevention programs and partnering with the Healthcare Safety Investigations Group can contact DSHS at MDROTexas@dshs.texas.gov. Your participation will make invaluable contributions towards the health and safety of the residents of Texas.

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