

# The Mega Rule and Your Facility Practice: How We Measure How We are Measured

## DESCRIPTION

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) has now released its nursing facility “Mega Rule”. It is the most comprehensive revision to nursing home requirements since 1991. These requirements for long term care facilities are health and safety standards that long term care facilities must meet in order to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

A three year phase in has started in November 2016 which drives facilities in quality of life and care driven by the principles of service as well as Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) with the underlying focus that facilities need to know themselves, their staff, and their residents.

The objective of this session is to have participants evaluate where they currently stand in the regulatory process with discussions surrounding the components of the new regulatory revisions to include: Person Centered Care, Quality (QAPI), Facility Assessment and Competency-Based Approach, and Alignment with HHS priorities (Quality Measures, Impact Act, ACA). Group work will involve development of a three year phase in plan outline, with discussion of team responsibility, education, QAPI focus and utilization tools.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Evaluate where you currently stand in the regulatory process.
2. Identify the components of the new regulatory revisions, including Person Centered Care, QAPI, and Facility Assessment.
3. Align your facility operations with HHS priorities including Quality Measures, Impact Act, and ACA.
4. Develop a three year phase in plan outline to prepare for the CMS Mega Rule.
5. Operationalize team responsibilities and education necessary for participation in Medicare and Medicaid programs considering impending changes.