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Advance Care Planning Foundations Training Available for Value Based Purchasing

Advance care planning is the process of discussing goals, values, and treatment preferences with nursing facility residents and family members. Many residents experience predictable decline and acute health events that necessitate decision-making in times of stress. Ensuring that care is consistent with resident preferences is essential to providing high quality, person-centered care. Everyone benefits when resident goals, values, and preferences are known in advance of a crisis.

The Indiana Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) Division of Aging (DA) recognizes that advance care planning (ACP) is integral to high quality, person-directed care. To help ensure residents have access to high quality care, ACP training is being added to the Medicaid Indiana Value Based Purchasing formula. Nursing facilities have the option to earn 5 points of the 100 point value based purchasing formula by having one or more staff members complete education in ACP. Nursing facilities must have a trained staff person in the facility that has completed the training by June 30, 2019 and submit required documentation, when requested, to earn the 5 points for the year.

Indiana is the first state in the country to offer free, evidence-based education to nursing facility staff through an online learning program as part of the Value Based Purchasing formula. In collaboration with Indiana University, a 4-hour educational program has been designed to provide foundational knowledge of ACP concepts and documentation tools. The 4 one-hour modules are:

- ACP Module 1: ACP in Nursing Facilities
- ACP Module 2: Person-Centered Goals of Care
- ACP Module 3: Identifying Supportive Surrogate Decision-Makers
- ACP Module 4: Advance Care Planning Tools

These courses are available online through the Indiana FSSA's Division of Aging learning management system (Relias). The training was developed for a range of roles in the nursing facility including social services, nursing, and chaplains. Nursing facilities are encouraged to have staff who talk with residents about goals of care, advance directives and POST forms complete the training. Participants will receive a certificate of completion (not approved as continuing education) after successfully completing all courses.

Please note that registration space is currently limited within Relias; therefore, each nursing facility may register only one or two participants at this time. Additional registration spots or an additional online training location (that does not provide a certificate) will be considered based on interest.



Details:

1. Register learner in Relias <https://fssa.training.reliaslearning.com/lib/RegistrationForm.aspx>
2. Complete all 4 modules preferably within 30 days of registering (search for “ACP”)
3. Complete the Evaluation (survey) within Relias
4. Obtain the “Advanced Care Planning Foundations Certificate” within Relias
5. Submit certificate copy to supervisor

Subsequent year training programs that qualify for points will be evaluated and communicated at a later date.