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LTC COVID-19 Update

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Today's Topics



- Important MDS submission and reporting changes – Lori Davenport
- Candia auris – what Assisted Living and Nursing Homes need to know, resources – Lori Davenport
- Q&A



Approaches for Activities, a webinar on Feb. 28, details [HERE](#)

Strategies for Social Services, a webinar on Mar. 28, details [HERE](#)

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CMS Announced Transition Date MDS Submission and Reporting Functionality

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MDS Submission & Reporting

- Assessment Submission and Processing (QIES) is **transitioning** to Internet Quality Improvement and Evaluation System (iQIES).
- When: April 17, 2023



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Things you need to know

- The old system will be turned off on Thursday April 13th at 8PM ET. – to prepare for the transition.
- This leaves you with one of two options:
 1. Submit completed MDS records prior to 8PM ET on 4/13/23 (QIES)
 2. Wait to submit until 8:00AM ET 4/17/23 (iQIES)



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Recommended Action

- Determine a process to evaluate the requirements of MDS submission and how it will impact your decisions on the two choices mentioned on previous slide.
- Considerations to include but not limited to:
 - Requirements of timeliness
 - Claims processing
 - Care Planning



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Be on the lookout ---

- CMS will be sending more information...
 - Emails
 - Training
 - Technical guidance
- IHCA/INCAL will share information on Thursday calls as that information is made available.



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**MDS Submission will be compromised if
you do not act!**

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Assigned PSO = Provider Security Officer

- Nursing homes and swing bed providers must have at least one individual assigned as PSO
 - Must work for the provider
 - Responsible for approving other users for the facility



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Why is an assigned PSO important?

- Without an identified and registered PSO – your registration for an IQIES account cannot be processed.
- PSO must work for the facility and cannot be a vendor
- CMS recommends a minimum of two PSOs



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Register for iQIES Account

- Must be completed before April 17, 23!
- You will not be able to submit MDS reports without it!



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Information and Instructions

- <https://qtso.cms.gov/news-and-updates/action-required-register-iqies-account>.
- iQIES Service Center: igies@cms.hhs.gov
 - Phone: 800-339-9313



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**Candida auris education and resources
Important for all to know
Assisted Living and Nursing Homes**

**C.auris Qsource video link:
<https://qio.qsource.org/nursing-homes/>**

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THANK YOU!

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