

LeadingAge Wyoming Newsletter

Wyoming Nursing Home 2019 Quality Awards



Mountain Pacific Quality Health has announced the Wyoming Nursing Home 2019 Quality Awards.

All nursing homes **MUST** submit a quality improvement success story to be eligible for any Award!

To be eligible for either the Recognition of Quality Excellence Award or the Recognition of Quality Achievement Award, the nursing home **MUST** submit a performance improvement project success story. The submitted success stories will be evaluated for the Wyoming Innovator Quality Achievement Award. Extra credit will be given to success stories that include promotion of culture change and/or person-directed care improvement activities.

To be eligible for the award:

- Must be licensed in good standing with Wyoming's State Survey Agency, The Office of Healthcare Licensing and Survey from May 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019
- Must be certified by and be in good standing with Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

- Must have achieved MDS Composite Score of 6.0% or less for at least six (6) of twelve six-month cycles of MDS Composite Score data provided to Mountain-Pacific Quality Health by CMS from May 2018 to April 2019

Submissions will be evaluated on the following:

- Problem statement
- Goal/aim statement (SMART method)
- Team composition
- Leadership support
- Resident and family engagement
- Root Cause Analysis process/result
- System improvement actions
- Use of PDSA cycles
- Barriers encounter
- Outcomes
- Spread throughout organization or beyond
- Lessons learned
- Impact on resident quality of life
- Impact on improved employee work environment

Success stories will be reviewed by a Mountain-Pacific Quality Health multidisciplinary team. Success stories must be submitted no later than April 30, 2019.

Submission can be sent either via email to pfritz@mpqhf.org or via USPS mail to Pat Fritz, 2824 Lane 45, Basin, WY 82410.

Submissions must include data to demonstrate need for improvement and the improvement activities resultant data.





**Congresswoman Cheney Co-Sponsors H.R. 1265
Nursing Home Workforce Quality Act**

It has been announced that Rep. Sean Duffy (R-WI), along with Rep. Collin Peterson (D-MN) and Greg Gianforte (R-MT), has re-introduced the bi-partisan Nursing Home Workforce Quality Act (H.R. 1265).

This bipartisan bill corrects a long-standing concern with the way nurse aide training programs are treated under OBRA, the law governing nursing homes.

The bill eliminates the mandatory 2-year disapproval of certified nurse aide training programs because of the level of fine imposed after a survey.

Under current law this penalty is imposed even if the care deficiencies cited on the survey do not compromise resident safety and welfare and are unrelated to the nursing home's CNA training program.

The bill gives CMS the discretion to decide whether to disapprove a program after a certain level of penalty is imposed, and, equally importantly, authorizes that the program be reinstated when the nursing home has corrected the deficiencies that led to the disapproval, rather than waiting 2 years.

LeadingAge supports this legislation because the current law is inflexible, can be unrelated to quality care and improvement and makes it more difficult for nursing homes to recruit and retain direct care staff.

LeadingAge Wyoming has been supplying information and encouraging Representative Liz Cheney to help find a solution. The CNA Certificate lockout rule has had a negative impact in Wyoming. LeadingAge Wyoming is grateful for Representative Cheney's leadership and forethought in this matter.

LeadingAge Wyoming Spring Meeting

May 14-15, 2019

Casper, Wyoming

The LeadingAge Wyoming spring meeting will be held May 14 and 15 in Casper, Wyoming.

This year's meeting is being held at the Holiday Inn East, 721 Granite Peak Drive, Casper. To make a room reservation, mention the Wyoming Hospital Association room block for a rate of \$90/night. Their phone number is 307-577-5000.

You must reserve your room by May 1st.

Registration materials are available online at www.leadingagewyoming.org

CMS/CDC Provide Free On-Line Training

CMS and the CDC collaborated on the development of a free on-line training course in infection prevention and control for nursing home staff in the long-term care setting.

The training can be accessed here <https://bit.ly/2U9Arh1>.

The training provides approximately 19 hours of continuing education credits as well as a certificate of completion (i.e., free CME, CNE or CEUs).

The course introduces and describes how to use IPC program implementation resources including policy and procedure templates, audit tools, and outbreak investigation tools.