

2015

Long Term Care

Medicare/Medicaid Certification-based Option

National Patient Safety Goals

The purpose of the National Patient Safety Goals is to improve patient safety. The goals focus on problems in health care safety and how to solve them.

Identify residents correctly

NPSG.01.01.01

Use at least two ways to identify residents. For example, use the resident's name *and* date of birth. This is done to make sure that each resident gets the correct medicine and treatment.

Use medicines safely

NPSG.03.05.01

Take extra care with residents who take medicines to thin their blood.

NPSG.03.06.01

Record and pass along correct information about a resident's medicines. Find out what medicines the resident is taking. Compare those medicines to new medicines given to the resident. Make sure the resident knows which medicines to take when they are at home. Tell the resident it is important to bring their up-to-date list of medicines every time they visit a doctor.

Prevent infection

NPSG.07.01.01

Use the hand cleaning guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the World Health Organization. Set goals for improving hand cleaning. Use the goals to improve hand cleaning.

NPSG.07.04.01

Use proven guidelines to prevent infection of the blood from central lines.

Prevent residents from falling

NPSG.09.02.01

Find out which residents are most likely to fall. For example, is the resident taking any medicines that might make them weak, dizzy or sleepy? Take action to prevent falls for these residents.

Prevent bed sores

NPSG.14.01.01

Find out which residents are most likely to have bed sores. Take action to prevent bed sores in these residents. From time to time, re-check residents for bed sores.



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This is an easy-to-read document. It has been created for the public. The exact language of the goals can be found at www.jointcommission.org.