

California Department of Public Health (CDPH) & Partners Statewide Nursing Home Webinar—Resources and Links April 23, 2026

Educational Opportunities and Resources

- **Health Services Advisory Group (HSAG)**
 - HSAG Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) Bundle.
<https://www.hsag.com/en/medicare-providers/nursing-homes/qapi/>
 - May 15, 1–2 p.m. Emergency Preparedness webinar, “From Crisis to Readiness: Hospital and Nursing Home Insights From the Maui, Palisades, and Eaton Wildfires.”
 - Register. www.hsag.com/EPP-May15
 - Flyer. <https://files.constantcontact.com/b108b018001/45257803-82ee-411c-ada4-8607f85c692f.png?rdi=true>
 - Eblast. <https://conta.cc/4udHIN5>
- **California Association of Long Term Care Medicine (CALTCM)**
 - June 12 and 13, Leadership & Management in Geriatrics (LMG). Omni La Costa, Carlsbad, California.
<https://www.caltcm.org/lmg-2026>
 - CALTCM Medical Director Program for California Medical Directors. <https://www.caltcm.org/caltcm-medical-director-program-for-california-medical-directors>
 - California law requires medical directors to be certified by January 1, 2027.
 - List of California Certified Medical Directors. caltcm.org/index/caltcm-honor-roll
 - CALTCM Infection Preventionist Orientation On-Demand Program. <https://www.caltcm.org/infection-preventionist-orientation-program2>
 - Module 1—Infection Preventionist Duties and Outcome Surveillance (1:08 min)
 - Module 2—Process Surveillance and Antibiotic Stewardship (45 min)
 - Module 3—Occupational Health & Immunization Program (43 min)
 - Module 4—Infection Preventionist Resources and Tools (25 min)
- **Coalition for Compassionate Care of California**
 - POLST (Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment) Champion Certificate Program.
<https://coalitionccc.org/CCCC/Education-Events/Full-POLST-Certificate-Registration.aspx>
 - Become a POLST Champion before the launch of the California electronic POLST registry
 - Six hours of self-paced, online learning plus five hours of in-person training
 - In-person training options are June 24 Laguna Hills or October 14 San Jose

California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF) Updates

- **Patient Safety Plan: New California Requirement**
 - All Facilities Letter (AFL) 25-31: Assembly Bill (AB) 3161 Health Care Facility Patient Safety and Antidiscrimination (November 2025) <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-25-31.aspx>
 - January 1, 2025, nursing homes must have a patient safety plan that includes anonymous reporting options and the ability to analyze, address, and monitor patient safety events for possible discrimination based on age, race, ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, preferred language spoken, disability status, payor, and sex.
 - January 1, 2026, nursing homes must, upon license renewal, submit their plans to CDPH for review, and every two years thereafter.

- CDPH Patient Safety Plan Checklist.
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/CDPH%20Document%20Library/AFL-25-31-Attachment-01.pdf>
- CAHF Patient Safety Template download. <https://cahf.mmsend.com/link>
- **Respiratory Care Board of California Updates: CA Code of Regulations Title 22 §1399.365**
 - Updated Guidance: Basic Respiratory Tasks & Services (CCR § 1399.365) January 2026.
https://www.rcb.ca.gov/enforcement/reg_updates_basic_tasks.shtml
 - Frequently Asked Questions—Basic Respiratory Tasks (CCR § 1399.365).
https://www.rcb.ca.gov/enforcement/reg_updates_basic_tasks_faqs.shtml
 - Senate Bill (SB) 1304 Respiratory Care Practice Act.
https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202520260SB1304
- **Psychotherapeutic Drug Informed Consent**
 - [Assembly Bill 48 \(Chapter 794, Statutes of 2023\)](#) requires CDPH to create, with input from stakeholders, a standardized consent form for obtaining informed consent for the use of a psychotherapeutic drug.
 - AFL 25-38.1 (February 3, 2026). <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-25-38.aspx>
 - o Notifies skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) that the Psychotherapeutic Drug Informed Consent Form is available. <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/CDPH%20Document%20Library/ControlledForms/cdph9168.pdf>
 - o Clarifies that, effective January 1, 2026, the Psychotherapeutic Drug Informed Consent Form or equivalent in-house form must be used for new residents, residents being prescribed a new psychotherapeutic drug, or residents having a psychotherapeutic drug dosage change.
 - o Clarifies that residents who were admitted before January 1, 2026—with a current informed consent on record and are not being prescribed a new psychotherapeutic drug, or have a psychotherapeutic drug dosage change—must use the Psychotherapeutic Drug Informed Consent Form or equivalent in-house form within six-months of their last consent renewal or by April 1, 2026, whichever is sooner.
- **CMS QSO-23-01-NH REVISED: Revisions to the Special Focus Facility (SFF) Program**
 - <https://www.cms.gov/medicareprovider-enrollment-and-certificationsurvey/certificationgeninfopolicy-and-memos-states-and/revisions-special-focus-facility-sff-program>
 - **SFF Selection Criteria:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is revising the focus area for selection to emphasize the prevalence of falls among the resident population when considering facilities for SFF selection. In addition to health inspection scores, state agencies may consider facility falls data when selecting new SFFs.
 - **Graduation from the SFF Program:** The criteria for successful program completion will be revised and clarified to foster rapid, sustained improvements for SFFs.
 - **Enforcement:** More severe, escalating enforcement remedies will be imposed on SFF program facilities that demonstrate continued noncompliance and little or no effort to improve.
 - **Termination Criteria:** Facilities cited with Immediate Jeopardy deficiencies on any two surveys while in the SFF Program may face discretionary termination from Medicare and/or Medicaid.
 - **Post-Graduation:** A three-year post-graduation monitoring period will track graduates for sustained compliance. Facilities that relapse may face enhanced enforcement options.

National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) Updates

- Healthcare Personnel (HCP) Influenza Vaccination Summary Questions.
<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/forms/57-214-HCP-Influenza-Vaccination-Summary-Form.pdf>
- Instructions for Completion of HCP Influenza Vaccination Summary Form.
<https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/forms/instr/57-214-hcp-flu-vac-summary-form-toi-508.pdf>

- Annual Influenza Data for HCP Validation Report in NHSN.
 1. Log in to the Healthcare Personnel Safety (**HPS**) component.
 2. Click on **Analysis**, then **Generate Data Sets**. This ensures the reports have the most up-to-date information.
 3. Click on **Analysis**, then **Reports**.
 4. Click on **CMS Reports**, then **Long Term Care Facilities (SNFQRP)**, then run the following report.
 5. Line listing—HCP Flu Vaccination Data for CMS SNF Prospective Payment System (PPS).
 6. Data for the current flu season indicate that the data have been submitted for that time period. If adjustments are made to the data, rerun this report to validate the changes have been submitted.
- Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Skilled Nursing Facility Prospective Payment System Proposed Rule (CMS 1843-P).
<https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/fact-sheets/fiscal-year-fy-2027-skilled-nursing-facility-prospective-payment-system-proposed-rule-cms-1843-p>

CDPH Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Program Updates

- New CDPH Wound Care Resources for Prevention and Control of Invasive Group A Strep in SNFs.
 - Invasive Group A Streptococcus: An Overview for Long-Term Care Facilities (PDF).
https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH%20Document%20Library/InvasiveGroupAStreptococcus_iGAS_HealthcarePersonnelHandout.pdf
 - Infection Prevention During Wound Care (PDF). <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH Document Library/InfectionPreventionDuringWoundCare.pdf>
 - Wound Care Adherence Monitoring Tool (PDF). http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/CDPH Document Library/AdherenceMonitoring_WoundCare.pdf
- CDPH Project Firstline Resources: www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/ProjectFirstline.aspx
 - Project Firstline Training Toolkit for Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs).
www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/ProjectFirstlineCNAToolkit.aspx
 - Project Firstline Training Toolkit for Environmental Services (EVS) Staff.
www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/ProjectFirstlineEVSToolkit.aspx
 - Contact: ProjectFirstline@cdph.ca.gov
- Sign up for HAI Program email updates for educational opportunities and announcements. <https://assets-usa.mkt.dynamics.com/24ac4e14-c54e-4da4-af0e-09805e16f9b9/digitalassets/standaloneforms/e5c8aa7b-3f30-f011-8c4e-6045bda9bb0d>
- Los Angeles County Project Firstline Infection Prevention Training.
<http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/projectfirstline/index.htm>
- CDPH HAI Program Preventing HAI Infections in California SNFs website.
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/SNFIPResources.aspx>
- CDPH HAI Program SNF Infection Preventionist Training Resources.
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/HAI/Pages/SNFIPTrainingandFAQ.aspx>