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## NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION NEWS RELEASE

### **SKILLED NURSING HOME HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS to RECEIVE an UPDATE on the MINIMUM DATA SET (MDS) at BROWN BAG EVENTS in LAS VEGAS and CARSON CITY**

*Carson City* – Healthcare professionals working in Nevada’s skilled nursing home industry will receive a much-anticipated update on the Minimum Data Set (MDS) at “brown bag” events August 4 in Las Vegas and August 11 in Carson City. The updates on the data set, part of the federally-mandated process for clinical assessment of all residents in Medicare or Medicaid certified nursing homes, are expected to be well-attended by nurses, social workers and administrators. The events are being presented by the Nevada State Health Division’s Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance and the Division of Health Care Financing and Policy.

Those attending are required to preregister. Registration is closed for the Las Vegas event but is still being accepted for the Carson event through August 6. [Click here for the Carson City registration information.](#)

The brown bags, so-called because attendees bring their own lunch, will be held in Las Vegas at United Healthcare, 2716 N. Tenaya Way and in Carson City at Western Nevada College, Marlette Hall, 2201 W. College Parkway. Half-day sessions are planned for the morning and afternoon.

No frills and informal, the events include both training and a question and answer period. It is also an opportunity for professionals in the skilled nursing industry to meet and interact. Continuing education credits are also offered to those who preregister.

MDS assessment forms are completed for all residents in certified nursing homes, regardless of source of payment for the individual resident. The data is then used to produce various reports. Frequency Reports give a picture of the characteristics of the nursing home population in each state. Quality Indicator Reports present data of quality of care. MDS data is utilized for case-mix reimbursement for Medicaid Certified Nursing Facilities. The data is used at both the state and federal levels.

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We would like to thank the following nursing home facilities, their administrators and their MDS Coordinators, for sharing examples of their documentation tools and programs.

1. Carson Nursing and Rehabilitation Center
2. Life Care Center of Reno
3. Rosewood Rehabilitation Center

The MDS is one part of what is called the Resident Assessment Instrument, a requirement of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for all certified nursing homes as part of the overall provision of care for each resident. The goal of the RAI is to ensure that residents achieve the highest level of functioning possible and maintain their sense of individuality.

The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance protects the safety and welfare of the public through the promotion and advocacy of quality health care through licensing, regulation, enforcement and education. This mission is accomplished through the Bureau's two sections: Licensure and Certification, which regulates facilities such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, group homes, hospitals, ambulatory surgery centers and laboratories; and Radiological Health, which evaluates and responds to hazards from sources of ionizing radiation such as X-ray machines, sources of radiation to treat cancer and mammography units.

For health facilities, more than 900 surveys are conducted each year of Nevada's licensees. More information about the Bureau may be found at: <http://health.nv.gov/>

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