DON Playbook: Skills for Today's LTC Nurse Leader

Session Title: Survey Readiness: Daily Compliance Practices that Lead to Survey Success

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Course Description:

As facilities are no longer able to postpone getting "survey ready" until just before the facility window opens, it is increasingly critical that survey readiness become a daily task. This session will focus on Survey Readiness: Key components for being survey ready every day; tools and resources for survey readiness; staff training priorities; and health inspection implementation strategies with case examples.

Learning Objectives

1. Identify the key components for being survey ready every day.
2. Be familiar with resources for survey readiness tools.
3. Describe objectives for staff training on survey readiness.
4. Discuss strategies for implementation of survey readiness.

Course Content

15 minutes: Key components for survey readiness.
15 minutes: Survey readiness tool resources.
15 minutes: Staff training objectives for daily survey readiness.
10 minutes: Tips and Strategies for implementation of survey readiness.
5 minutes: Questions and Answers

Target Audience: Nursing Leadership staff (DON, ADON, Unit Managers, Nursing Supervisors)
Instructional Level: Basic to Intermediate
Program Length: 60 minutes

List Learning Objectives: What participants will gain from attending this session:	**Content: Bullet-point list of information covered to meet learning objective**
1. Identify the key components for being survey ready every day	• Review of Survey Readiness Components • Overview of CMS Survey Process • Review of CMS Survey 9 Mandatory Tasks
2. Be familiar with resources for survey readiness tools	• Review of location of CMS Survey Resources • Review of CMS Critical Element Pathways and discussion of use as QAPI audit tools • Review of Survey Resources i.e., Revised F tag chart, Entrance Conference Worksheet, Appendix PP • Use of audit check lists

3. Describe objectives for staff training on survey readiness	• Review of components of staff training on survey readiness • Techniques for staff training on survey readiness (i.e., interviews, observations, competency checklists)
4. Discuss strategies for implementation of survey readiness	• Weekly schedule for nursing systems audits/reviews • Monthly care observations • Team meetings/huddles