

## **Enhancing the Role of the Nurse in ACF and Assisted Living Settings**

*Draft Position for member input and feedback*

We recommend that an Adult Care Facility, Assisted Living Program, Assisted Living Residence, and/or Special Needs Assisted Living Residence that employs licensed practical nurses (LPNs) and/or registered nurses (RNs) have the option to provide intermittent or incidental nursing services to their residents.

The services provided would be provided at the direction of the physician, and within the scope of practice of that licensure, whether the employee be a licensed practical nurse (LPN) or a registered nurse (RN). The facility would have the opportunity to select what services they chose to provide, which would be clearly disclosed to the consumer. These intermittent or incidental nursing services should not be required of facilities, but rather may be available as optional services for those facilities that wish to provide them.

We do not seek to amend the existing retention standards, but rather to provide nursing services directly in whatever category of licensure the resident lives in and is appropriate for. The nursing services are not intended to replace what aides can assist residents to do themselves. Lastly, the services are not intended to replace home care services that would be provided under a Medicare episode of care.