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CMS Issues Interpretive Guidance on Infection Control

ABSTRACT: Revised surveyor guidance to be effective September 30, 2009

CMS has issued revisions to the *Interpretive Guidance for Surveyors on Infection Control* (F-tag 441). These revisions become effective September 30, 2009. F441 contains a number of requirements that had previously appeared in other (now deleted) tags and as has been the case with recent F-tag revisions, contains an investigative protocol to guide the surveyor in compliance decisions and clearer more comprehensive language in interpreting the regulations. The new guidance can be reviewed in its entirety by opening the following link:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/downloads/SCLetter09_54.pdf

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