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TO: ALL SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES

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SUBJECT: Monthly Nursing Summaries

Questions have come up concerning the practicality of continuing to use valuable nursing time to do monthly nursing summaries in light of the federally mandated use of the Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI), including the Minimum Data Set (MDS). Since this federal requirement assures that each resident is totally assessed annually with quarterly updates, the Bureau of Facility Standards has decided to waive the licensure requirement for monthly nursing summaries in Medicare/Medicaid certified facilities.

Complete progress notes will, of course, still be necessary. The medical record must contain enough information to show that the facility knows the status of the individual, has adequate plans of care, and provides sufficient evidence of the effects of the care provided.

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