

Administrator Alert

*Policy updates & rule clarifications for Assisted Living,
Residential Care & Nursing Facilities*

Office of Licensing & Quality — Oregon Department of Human Services

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Affordable Care Act Mandate Section 6121-Nurse Aide Training in Nursing Homes

Dear Administrator,

Please share the following information with all interested staff.

On August 12, 2011, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued S&C: 11-35-NH. The S&C letter addresses in-service training for nursing assistants in nursing facilities. Please note the following information:

Memorandum Summary

- **Section 6121 of the Affordable Care Act mandates enhanced nurse aide training** – The law mandates the inclusion of training for nurse aides working in nursing homes on abuse prevention and care of persons with dementia;
- **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Actions** - Interpretive Guidelines have been revised for the Inservice Training Tag (F497). CMS is developing a regulation to mandate these topics and training materials that nursing homes may use to train staff.

Please see the attached S&C letter from CMS and their attached list of currently available products for Dementia Care and Prevention of Abuse. When more information and training materials are available from CMS, we will forward that information.

