

SURVEY'S

**BONUS TIP
OF THE MONTH**

Monitoring and Documentation

When monitoring a change of condition, such as a new medication or following a fall, the facility needs to demonstrate, through documentation, that it actively monitored the resident.

It isn't adequate to document something like:

“Resident on alert for multiple falls. Resident did not complain of bruising, swelling, pain. Will continue to monitor.”

This appears as if the resident needs to self-report on his/her status. However, it is the facility's responsibility to monitor the resident. This is accomplished by asking the resident if s/he is experiencing any negative symptoms.