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TO: Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNFs)
Intermediate Care Facilities (ICFs)
Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled (ICF-DDs)
Intermediate Care Facilities for the Developmentally Disabled-Habilitative (ICF/DD-Hs)

SUBJECT: Solicitation of Input for Regulations for Reporting Unusual Occurrences in Long-Term Care Facilities

All Facilities Letter Summary

This AFL notifies Long-Term Care (LTC) facilities and interested stakeholders that the Center for Health Care Quality (CHCQ) is seeking public comment for regulations for reporting Unusual Occurrences in LTC facilities by April 7, 2025.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11346, AFL 18-41 Notice Of Stakeholder Meeting for Unusual Occurrence Regulations invited interested parties to attend a stakeholder meeting to discuss the update of regulations for the reporting of Unusual Occurrences in LTC facilities and invited stakeholders to submit verbal and written comments prior to the start of the formal rulemaking process.

CHCQ is seeking additional stakeholder input for consideration while developing regulations to implement procedures for reporting Unusual Occurrences in LTC facilities.

The topics for which CHCQ is soliciting feedback and comments include, but are not limited to:

- Definition of what constitutes an unusual occurrence that requires reporting.
- Reporting timelines and procedures for LTC facilities in the event of an unusual occurrence.
- Criteria for assessing the severity of an unusual occurrence
- Required documentation and information to be submitted when reporting an unusual occurrence.
- Procedures for follow-up actions, investigations, and reporting outcomes.

Please share your feedback, comments, and suggestions by submitting them to the CHCQ Regulation Development Section at CHCQRegulations@cdph.ca.gov by **April 7, 2025**.

Sincerely,

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