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**TO:** Skilled Nursing Facilities

**SUBJECT:** California Minimum Data Set (CA MDS) Nuggets

**All Facilities Letter (AFL) Summary**

This is a reminder that the CA MDS newsletter is now available on the California Department of Public Health's website.

This issue of the CA MDS newsletter (CA MDS Nuggets) includes:

- Revised Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) 3.0 User's Manual, v1.13;
- Change of Therapy (COT) Other Medicare Required Assessment (OMRA)
- Changes to Practitioner Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form with effective date January 1, 2016;
- Department of Health Care Services Pre-Admission Screening and Resident Review (PASRR) online training information;
- A glimpse of the MDS and Staffing Focus Survey; and
- International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10) links and resource information.

The CA MDS newsletter may be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/LnC/Pages/MDSNewsletter.aspx>



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Please send your MDS questions to Susana Belda, RN, RAI Educational Coordinator:

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Please distribute copies to the MDS coordinator, director of nursing, and administrator.

Sincerely,

**Original signed by Jean Iacino**

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