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TO: Skilled Nursing Facilities

SUBJECT: California MDS Nuggets April 2014 Newsletter

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has posted the latest MDS Nuggets newsletter on the CDPH website. The MDS Nuggets newsletters are distributed to nursing facilities to provide updates on MDS 3.0 guidance.

The latest issue includes information on MDS 3.0 record maintenance, provides links to new training videos for providers on Sections I, G, M and O, and provides information about the upcoming revisions to the Physician Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form and Section S. The newsletter also includes updates regarding the completion of MDS assessments, records and the correction of reports, questions and answers from the MDS 3.0 help desk, and related links.

Visit the CDPH website to access the MDS Nuggets newsletter. Please send clinical and technical questions regarding MDS 3.0 to mdsoasis@cdph.ca.gov.

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

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

If you have any questions, please contact Susana Belda, RAI Educational Coordinator at:

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Please distribute copies to the MDS Coordinator, Director of Nursing, and Administrator.

Sincerely,

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