



News Release

LTCPLC ISSUES STATEMENT ON CARE PROCESS

(July 31, 2008) The Long Term Care Professional Leadership Council (LTCPLC) issued its third document, *The Care Delivery Process*, which explains the steps in a process to provide quality care in all Long Term Care settings.

The process, which is the basis for the American Medical Directors Association's (AMDA) Clinical Practice Guidelines and the Care Processes developed for the national Advancing Excellence initiative, focuses on the four steps in any care process: 1) Recognition/Assessment, 2) Cause Identification, 3) Management/Treatment, and 4) Monitoring.

“The care delivery process is based upon thinking that is at the heart of modern health care practice, and is consistent with standard problem solving and quality improvement approaches. While specific interventions may be controversial or may change with time, these principles and processes are enduring,” states the document.

The Care Delivery Process was vetted by each of the Steering Committee's Board of Directors and is issued as an official statement of the LTCPLC. It discusses the steps of the care process in an easy Q&A format that explains the advantages of using a standardized process, how it relates to Long Term Care regulations, and how it fits with risk management practices.

A one-page document shows each step, its objective and key tasks.

The Care Delivery Process is posted on the Web sites of each Steering Committee member and PTAG member organizations.

The Long Term Care Professional Leadership Council (LTCPLC) was formed in 2007 to foster collaboration among the key professions that provide leadership in Long Term Care and have a role mandated by regulation. The LTCPLC Steering Committee is composed of key leadership from the American College of Health Care Administrators (ACHCA), American Medical Directors Association (AMDA), American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP), and National Association Directors of Nursing Administration/Long Term Care (NADONA). The LTCPLC's Professional and Technical Advisory Group (PTAG) consists of key industry stakeholders including Clinical Practice Professionals, Ancillary Services Professionals, Product and Service Provider Professionals, and Government and Regulatory Agencies. In May 2008, the recently incorporated Nurse Executive Council for Post Acute Care became the first group representing Clinical Practice Professionals to be added to the PTAG (Direct Supply was already a PTAG member). The PTAG works together with the Steering Committee to create

opportunities for dialogue and provide guidance to the industry. Policies for including other groups on the PTAG are being discussed.

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