



**Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group**

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**DATE:** January 16, 2015

**TO:** State Survey Agency Directors

**FROM:** Director  
Survey and Certification Group

**SUBJECT:** Infection Control and Prevention Webinar Series; Webinar 1: February 23, 2015

**Memorandum Summary**

- **Upcoming Webinar Series:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is developing a series of three webinars covering current issues in infection control and prevention. This webinar series is intended for all State Survey Agencies and Regional Office staff. The webinars are mandatory for all surveyor staff.
- **First Webinar:** The first in a series of three webinars on current issues in infection control. The first webinar, “Multi-drug Resistant Organisms (MDROs) in the Nursing Home Setting” is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2015, 2:00-3:30 pm EST.
- **Archiving of Webinars:** The First will not be archived but will be presented again in June, 2015 and will be archived after that broadcast.

**Purpose**

The CMS is developing a series of three webinars on current issues in infection control and prevention. The first webinar, “Multi-Drug resistant Organisms (MDROs) in the Nursing Home Setting” is scheduled for Monday, February 23, 2015, 2:00-3:30 pm EST. This webinar is intended for all State Survey Agencies and Regional Office staff. Because the topics to be discussed are relevant to their work in the field, the webinars in this series are mandatory for nursing home surveyor staff. Please encourage all nursing home surveyor staff to view the February 23 broadcast as it will not be broadcast again until June.

The second and third webinars in the series will occur on Monday, March 30, 2015 and Monday, April 27, 2015. If you have any suggestions for infection control topics for these webinars, you are encouraged to submit them as soon as possible. More details about these webinars will be announced via a future memorandum. Presentation materials will be available for download the day of each webinar, and the entire series of webinars will be archived at a later date. There will also be an encore live presentation of the entire webinar series: part one in June, part two in July and part three in August of this calendar year.

## **Webinar 1 Details**

On Monday, February 23, 2014, the DNH is hosting a webinar on “MDROs in the Nursing Home Setting” presented by Jemima Drake and Karen Hoffmann, infection preventionist and CMS contract consultant for infection control and prevention. This will be the first in a series of three webinars on current issues in infection control. The topics of this 90 minute webinar will include:

- Bacteria basics and types of bacteria;
- Antibiotic basics, antibiotic stewardship, and mechanisms of resistance;
- Current CDC guidance, surveyor tips, and more.

## **Logistics**

### **Webinar Instructions for Learning Management System (LMS) users (Surveyors):**

#### **Prior to the Day of the Webinar**

1. To receive credit for watching the Webinar, register in TotalLMS at <http://cms82.sumtotalsystems.com/sumtotal/>. Use your surveyor ID to log into TotalLMS.
2. Type “Live Webinar” in search box or click on any of the disciplines under 1-Surveyor or 2-Surveyor columns, in “Catalog” section of TotalLMS. Select intended Webinar and follow instructions.
3. After completing the registration process, a “Start” button with the name of the Webinar will appear in your “To Do List” in TotalLMS.

#### **On the Day of the Webinar**

1. Log into TotalLMS, go to your “To Do List” select the “Start” button to launch the webinar. **(If you have not registered for the Webinar prior to the scheduled date and wish to receive credit see instructions in “Prior to the Day of the Webinar.”)**
2. From the Adobe Connect Meeting window you will enter as a guest. **Type your first and last name** in the “Name Box.” *(Do NOT check the button next to “Enter with your login and password” and do NOT enter a login and password on the Adobe Connect screen).*
3. Click on “Enter Room” to access the webinar.
4. To hear the audio dial, 1 (800) 603 –1774; (Meeting Number: 66844661).
5. At the conclusion of the webinar, exit the webinar. The system will return to TotalLMS. Your screen will display “Have you completed this activity?” select ‘Yes’.
6. Proceed to complete the evaluation in TotalLMS (the evaluation link can be found on your “To Do List”.

**Next Steps:** Please send webinar technical questions to the CMS SCG Webinars mailbox: [scgwebinars@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:scgwebinars@cms.hhs.gov). For other questions or suggestions related to the infection control webinar series, contact Jemima Drake at [jemima.drake@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:jemima.drake@cms.hhs.gov).

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**Effective Date:** This policy will be effective immediately. Please ensure that all appropriate staff is fully informed within 30 days of the date of this memorandum.

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