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Subject: State Implementation Plan for the Partnership to Improve Dementia Care (South Carolina Outreach)

Location: Teleconference -- Call-In Information Provided Below -- 08/22/12 10:00-11:00 am EST

When: 8/22/2012 10:00:00 AM - 11:00:00 AM

Attachments: Press Release Dementia Care 5-1-1 30 12.docx

Partnership to Improve Dementia Care –

Resources that you may wish to review prior to the call:

Title on YouTube: Nursing Home Initiative on Behavioral Health & Antipsychotic Medication Reduction

- URL: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U1_rpO0bwbM
- Description: CMS is developing a national action plan to improve behavioral health and to safeguard nursing home residents from unnecessary antipsychotic drug use. Through a multidimensional approach including research, public reporting, raising public awareness, regulatory oversight and technical assistance/training, we hope to enhance person-centered care for nursing home residents, particularly those with dementia-related behaviors.

Press Release:

Good Afternoon,

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is in the process of obtaining contacts from each State for the purposes of disseminating information related to the Partnership to Improve Dementia Care in Nursing Homes, an initiative to ensure appropriate care and use of antipsychotic medications for nursing home patients. This partnership – between federal partners, nursing homes and other providers, advocacy groups and caregivers – has set a national goal of reducing the use of antipsychotic drugs in nursing home residents by 15 percent by the end of 2012.

Unnecessary antipsychotic drug use has been identified as a significant challenge in ensuring appropriate dementia care. A 2011 report by the Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General found that 22 percent of the atypical antipsychotic drugs were not administered in compliance with CMS standards, and a CMS study found that over 17 percent of nursing home patients had daily doses exceeding recommended levels.

The core team for this initiative would like to schedule an introductory call with you.

Sincerely,

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MICHELE LAUGHMAN has invited you to: State Implementation Plan for the Partnership to Improve Dement.

This conference is scheduled to begin on Aug 22, 2012, 10:00 AM (EST/EDT).

This conference is scheduled to last for 1 hrs .

To access this conference, please dial:

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