Care Providers of Minnesota is adding to its popular F-tag education series with: F-329 Unnecessary Medications.

Medications, an integral part of the care provided to nursing home residents, can be beneficial in curing, treating, managing, or preventing disease and/or symptoms. Improperly administered or incompletely documented, medication management can become a red flag for surveyors.

On April 15, 2007, the Minnesota Department of Health implemented revised CMS Survey Guidelines and Regulatory Changes related to F-329. Using the highly-praised format Care Providers of Minnesota developed to review the F-314, F-315, and F-323 deficiencies, this one-day program will help clinicians review the F-329 guidelines as they relate to common facility staff behavior that enables surveyors to cite F-329.

After attending this survey guidance seminar, providers will be able to take information back to their facilities to help determine what staff behaviors and facility policies might cause survey vulnerability at F-329.

Learning objectives:
- Review the intent of the regulation
- Explain the various medication management considerations described in the Guidance
- Identify compliance with the regulations
- Review citations of noncompliance issued
- Examine what is and is not appropriate documentation

Faculty:
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**Details:**
Date: March 27, 2008
Where: University of Minnesota Continuing Education and Conference Center, 1890 Buford Avenue, St. Paul
Time: 9:00 am – 4:15 pm (8:30 am check-in)
Costs: $150 members, $195 non-members, includes continental breakfast, lunch and refreshments
CEUs: 6 clock hours, 7.2 contact hours
Code: MN 08-90804

**Registration:**
There are three ways to register:
1. Online at www.careproviders.org
2. Mail completed enclosed registration form
3. Call Cara Cox at 952.851.2494

**Cancellation Policy:** Refunds will be issued to registrants who cancel at least three business days before seminar date. Cancellations received with less than three business days notice are charged a 25% administrative fee. No shows due to weather, acts of God, illness, or other reason are charged a 25% administrative fee.