

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2236

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT  
10 PROGRAMS AS A CONDITION FOR LONG-TERM CARE  
11 FACILITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN AN INSURANCE POOL;  
12 TO REQUIRE EDUCATION FOR NURSE AIDES IN LONG-TERM  
13 CARE FACILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

15 AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF CARE IN  
16 LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 20, Chapter 10, Subchapter 1 is amended  
23 to add additional sections to read as follows:

24 20-10-109. Continuous quality improvement programs.

25 (a)(1) Any provider of long-term medical care in a facility that  
26 participates in an insurance pool created for the purpose of accumulating  
27 funds to satisfy residents' claims against the provider shall demonstrate a  
28 commitment to providing a high degree of quality of care for its residents as  
29 a condition for participation in the fund.

30 (2) The provider shall demonstrate the required commitment  
31 through participation in a continuous quality improvement program.

32 (3) A continuous quality improvement program shall include at  
33 least four (4) of the following:

34 (A) Customer satisfaction surveys;

35 (B) Physical restraints;

36 (C) Staff satisfaction surveys;



- 1                   (D) Pressure ulcers;
- 2                   (E) Staff turnover;
- 3                   (F) Office of Long-Term Care survey inspections; and
- 4                   (G) Nutrition and hydration.

5           (b) A provider shall demonstrate continuous active participation in a  
 6 continuous quality improvement program in a manner satisfactory to the  
 7 governing body of the insurance pool.

8           (c) The continuous quality improvement program shall be an  
 9 administrative expense in the Office of Long-Term Care reimbursement manual,  
 10 and shall be incurred against each participating facility.

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12           20-10-110. Nurses aide training.

13           All long-term care facilities eligible to receive Medicaid  
 14 reimbursements shall require nurse aides to:

15           (1) Complete a state-approved training and competency evaluation  
 16 program; or

17           (2) Demonstrate competence through satisfactory participation in a  
 18 state-approved nurses aide training and competency evaluation program that  
 19 include at least sixteen (16) hours of training in the following subjects  
 20 before any direct contact with the resident:

21                   (A) Communication and interpersonal skills;

22                   (B) Infection control;

23                   (C) Safety and emergency procedures, two (2) hours of which  
 24 shall be specific to the facility in which the nurse aide is employed, and  
 25 including the Heimlich maneuver;

26                   (D) Promoting resident's independence; and

27                   (E) Respecting resident's rights.

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