

Nursing Facility Opioid Stewardship Program

What's new in 2025

CMS continues to emphasize **opioids** as a high-risk drug class that warrants regulatory scrutiny.

F697 of the State Operations Manual Appendix PP provides particular guidance to surveyors of long term care facilities on opioid use and pain management. In fact, revisions to this guidance scheduled to go into effect in 2025 include specific updates to F697, suggesting a renewed focus on opioids from a regulatory perspective.

PharMerica remains committed to supporting long term care facility staff with the tools and education to render care in accordance with current best practices and regulations.

PharMerica's Model Facility Opioid Stewardship Program has been thoroughly reviewed and updated to reflect today's practice setting. Within the Program's binder, you will find continuing education for facility staff across multiple disciplines, supporting resources for residents and caregivers undergoing pain treatment, sample policies and procedures for facility staff, and new resources addressing industry updates.



Updated!

Guidance

- ✓ Updates made to align program with revised **CMS 2025 State Operations Manual**:
 - Updated Table of Definitions
 - Updated Critical Elements Pathway for Pain
- ✓ Revised Opioid Risk Tool (ORT-OD) incorporated into assessment tools

New!

Education & Resources

- ✓ Flowchart on managing **Opioid Induced Constipation (OIC)**
- ✓ Sample document for **Informed Consent**
- ✓ **Opioid Stewardship CE Resources** for physicians, nurses, and pharmacists
- ✓ **Clinical Checklist: Managing Pain with Opioid Therapy**

Added!

Information

- ✓ **Suzetrigine** (Journavx™), a novel pain management treatment, added to the Categories of Analgesics Table