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Long-Term Care Homes Quality Inspection Program Performance Assessment (LPA)

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Context

Key Facts

- Initially known as the Long-Term Care Home Quality Inspection Program Risk and Performance Assessment Report (LRPA)
- Developed in 2011/2012 as an internal resource to:
 - Identify/monitor issues in LTC homes that may pose serious risk to resident care;
 - Assist in the allocation of ministry inspection resources to identified homes accordingly
- First report was produced November 2013; published quarterly since then
 - Reports have improved over time now on Version 5
- Performance results have been made public, as of April 2018

How the LPA is used

Informs and supports LTC Inspections Branch risk management approach:

- Assists Service Area Offices (SAOs) in prioritizing and scheduling inspections, especially Resident Quality Inspections (RQI) and the allocation of staff resources
- Supports evaluation of strategies to respond to LTC homes that demonstrate repeat and multiple non-compliance (e.g., enforcement strategies, operational meetings with Licensees)
- Provides decision support for the ministry in the roll out of new programs to LTC homes
- Enables development of customized risk reports for LTC Homes;
 i.e.: LTC home chains

Criterial for Selecting Data Elements

In selecting data elements to assess risk to resident care, potential data elements were judged against the following criteria:

- Specific → Concisely represent an area of risk
- Reliable → Data can be consistently and accurately collected
- Valid → Poor performance on indicators is correlated with an actual or potential threat to resident care
- Accessible → Is available to LTC Inspections Branch

Compliance/Inspection Data (raw numbers converted to percentiles)

- Number of inspections
- Number of findings of non-compliance
- Number of inspector-issued orders
- Number of complaints leading to findings of non-compliance
- Number of critical incidents (CIs) leading to findings of noncompliance

Data Period

- November 2013 to March of 2016 period =12 months
- March 2016 to present period = 18 months

RAI-MDS Data

- Incidents of worsening pressure ulcers
- Incidents of worsening pain
- · Incidents of worsening resident behaviour

RAI-MDS data is submitted by LTC homes to Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) and is available to MOHLTC

Data Period

Quarterly (i.e. 3 months)

Long-Term Care Home Service Accountability Agreement (L-SAA) Report

- Reports Compliance Indicator Status of the home as either substantially compliant in high risk areas or chronically noncompliant in one or more high risk areas by looking at compliance history
- A home that has two consecutive orders in any of the any of the high risk indicator areas is deemed to be chronically non-compliant.
- High risk indicators:
 - · Injury that results in transfer or admission to hospital
 - Medication incidents
 - Missing resident
- hazards
- Infection Control
- abuse/assault
- Environmental Pressure ulcers Continence care
 - Presence of daily physical restraints
 - management
- and bowel management
- Falls
- Behavioural symptoms affecting others

Data Period

36 months

Qualitative data

- High leadership turnover (Administrator, DOC)
- Financial challenges (i.e. information from creditors, banks, risk of receivership)
- Reports from other governmental bodies (i.e. Office of the Fire Marshal, Ministry of Labour, Electrical Safety Authority)
- Issuance of Director Orders
- Issuance of Mandatory Management Order
- Director Referrals

Data Period

Approximately last 3 months of current relevant information

Risk Levels

LRPA (Nov 2013 to Dec 2017)

- Level 1: Compliant or Substantially Compliant
- Level 2: Non-compliant / moderate risk
- Level 3: Non-compliant / high riskCategory 1Category 2
- Level 4: Revocation of Licence

LPA (Dec 2017 to Present)

- · Level 1: In Good Standing
- Level 2: Improvement Required
- Level 3: Significant Improvement Required
- Level 4: License revoked

Level 1 – Substantially Compliant

LTC Home

Possible ministry actions

Criteria for level one

- Overall score below the 70th percentile
- LSAA report: not chronically non-compliant
- Qualitative data: no significant concerns
- Standard inspection processes in place
- RQI Risk-Focused

Level 2 - Non-Compliant / Moderate Risk

LTC Home

Criteria for level two homes

- Overall score in 70th to 85th percentile
- LSAA report: not chronically noncompliant
- Qualitative data: moderate concerns (i.e. Fire Marshal, Financial solvency)

Possible Ministry actions

- Additional focus and follow-up through existing and enhanced enforcement mechanisms:
 - Frequent inspections and follow-ups on Orders
 - SAO Initiated Inspection to determine if additional areas of risk are evident in LTC Home or ministry initiates an RQI earlier in the year
- Meeting arranged by SAO Manager/Senior Manager with the Licensee to discuss Ministry concerns re: compliance and Licensee's proposed response
- Meeting arranged by Ministry with LHIN
- Director Order
- RQI Intensive Risk-Focused

Level 3 - Non-Compliant /High Risk

LTC Home (Category 1)

Criteria for level three homes

- LSAA report: not chronic non-compliance
- Overall score 85th percentile or higher

OR

- Overall below 85th percentile
- □ LSAA report: chronic non-compliance
- Qualitative data: significant concerns (i.e. Fire Marshal, Financial solvency)

LTC home will move to Category 2 if:

- Non-compliance with Director Orders to do operational review to develop improvements to achieve and sustain compliance with Orders in high risk areas
- Licensee demonstrates through continued non-compliance that they are unable/unwilling to comply with Inspector and Directors Orders

NOTE: As of December 2017, categories 1 and 2 combined

Possible Ministry actions

- Internal meeting with Director/SAO and Licensee to discuss compliance issues with Licensee
- LHIN Performance Discussion with Licensee (may be combined with MOHLTC meeting with licensee)
- Director's Orders issued unless homes moves voluntarily to resolve the issues by conducting their own operational review

Additional actions for category 2 homes

- Require home to submit a plan to the Director to achieve compliance by Management Company or consultant; and to implement that plan
- Management company and/or consulting assistance through the issuance of a Director's Mandatory Management Order in accordance with LTCHA

Level 4: Revocation

- Issue Revocation Order where grounds exist in accordance with LTCHA
- Issue Order for Interim Manager to be put in place while residents are re-located and home is closed in accordance with LTCHA
- Director / SAO Manager meet with Residents/Families and Staff
- Conduct Inspections to monitor care and services, as required

Improvements to the LPA Version 4 = Version 3 = March 2016 September 2017 · Added two new SAOs -· Adjust threshold level: level Central East and 1 = < 65th percentile; level Central West 2 = 65th-80th percentile; · Report re-titled to 'LQIP Version 1 = level 3 = > 80th percentile Performance November 2013 · Data period for compliance Assessment' (LPA) data extended to 18 report months Version 3.1 = Version 5 = June 2016 December 2017 · Change: format of · New descriptive language for Performance Version 2 = report Levels: September 2015 o Level 1: In good standing · Added two compliance data Level 2: Improvement required elements specific to RQI o Level 3: Significant improvement inspections: Number of required non-compliances and o Level 4: Licence revoked Number of Orders · Addition of new Qualitative Use averages rather than information criteria: Level 3 homes median to calculate total moved down to level 2 if home RQI, CCF, RAI-MDS recently complied with orders; Level 2 percentiles and Overall homes moved up to level 3 if it was Score determined there was an increased