Chapter Spokesperson or President: Personalize items in red for your chapter.

For use at your chapter meeting or electronic media:

SLIDE 1
As your state spokesperson or chapter president, I would like to take a few minutes to update you on ANFP’s latest regulatory and legislative efforts.

SLIDE 2
The latest CMS Journey began November 28, 2016. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services published: “Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care (LTC) Facilities.”

These comprehensive regulations reflect advances in theory and practice of service, delivery, and safety for LTC residents, including a section on Food and Nutrition Services. The three-year phase is underway.

SLIDE 3
Phase I went into effect November 28, 2016.

SLIDE 4
Five regulatory sections were fully implemented in this phase. They include: Resident Assessment, Quality of Life, Physician Services, Laboratory, Radiology, Diagnostic Services, and Specialized Rehabilitation.

SLIDE 5
Dietary Services §483.60 was renamed to Food and Nutrition Services with updates in the following areas: food safety, qualified food and nutrition services staff - efforts to address religious, cultural, and ethnic needs, frequency of meals - snacks, updated educational requirements, IDT team, (dietitian and food service manager).

Set training and certification standards are now in place for the Director of Food Services in LTC facilities and is met by the Certified Dietary Manager (CDM) credential!

SLIDE 6
Phase II is where we are currently in 2018.

SLIDE 7
Food Service Directors hired after November 28, 2017 ARE NOW REQUIRED to be Certified Dietary Managers or meet the qualifications specified in the regulations. The Certified Dietary Manager, Certified Food Protection Professional (CDM, CFPP) credential is now listed as the primary qualification for the Director of Food and Nutrition Services in the absence of a full-time dietitian. Although other credentials are listed, the CDM, CFPP is the only one that has a Scope of Practice which allows for participation on the care planning team.

SLIDE 8
ANFP has launched two new tools to support these regulations. The first is a new regulatory web page to help you stay abreast of all the changes. This is available at:

- www.ANFPonline.org/government-affairs. You can find this on the ANFP home page by clicking on the Government Affairs tab.

- A new e-mail address is available. You may e-mail regulation questions to regs@anfponline.org.
ANFP’s Advocacy Role, the national legislative committee, has been renamed to the Government Affairs Committee with the battle cry of CDMs cultivating ROOTS - Rallying Organizations and Officials in Training Standards.

Currently, 18 states have this state specific requirement for the CDM, CFPP (share this - review if your state is one of the 18) to be the director of food and nutrition services.

This committee will mentor those states without this requirement to initiate contact with their state RDs, survey departments, and legislators to add this requirement to their state LTC/AL regulations.

In conjunction with this project, we have joined forces on Capitol Hill with The Opportunity America Jobs and Careers Coalition (OAJCC), focusing on two major bills in Congress, Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, and will continue to foster partnerships with other Healthcare Associations to cover the need for qualified CDMs in healthcare communities.

Stay tuned for more great ROOTS initiatives showing up on the ANFP website under the Government Affairs tab!

So, how can you help us? Support us, your state ANFP chapter, and your State Spokesperson. Go forth and be a CDM brand ambassador, mentor, help, and educate new CDMs, and support all healthcare initiatives our state is fighting for, Become a Grassroots advocate! Join the cause and show your support for helping get more CDMs into healthcare careers!

In addition, you can also support our legislative initiatives with financial contributions, no matter how small, to the ANFP Political Action Committee (ANFP-PAC), which will fund all ANFP legislative initiatives. Donations can be made at our chapter meetings, online, or by mail.