Long Term Care Facilities Receive Powerful Tips To Prepare For Quality Indicator Survey With Ecumen’s New Whitepaper

*Nursing home consulting geared whitepaper released today provides a checklist towards preparing for the Quality Indicator Survey*

SHOREVIEW, MN March 17, 2008 -- <http://www.ecumen.org> – Ecumen Consulting Services, providers of [long term care](http://www.ecumen.org/consulting.html) and nursing home consulting, and a division of Minnesota’s largest non-profit senior housing provider Ecumen, has released today a new whitepaper designed to help nursing homes prepare for the Quality Indicator Survey (QIS).

The QIS is a long term care survey process involving structured interviews with nursing home residents, staff and affected families, as well as structured facility reviews. This survey process yields 162 Quality of Care and Quality of Life Indicators (QCIs) that, after being compared with national norms, can trigger a comprehensive quality investigation.

[“10 Tips to Help Nursing Homes Prepare for the Quality Indicator Survey (QIS)”](http://www.ecumen.org/whitepaper.html) details actionable takeaways vital for any nursing home to follow, once selected to be surveyed. Included are tips ranging from the high level, such as being proactive and thinking ahead, to the drilled down, such as auditing all Medicare denials.

“Doing well on the QIS is vital towards the success of a nursing home,” states Mary Leber, Ecumen’s Director of Consulting Services. “This tip sheet simplifies the QIS preparation process and hones on key areas for success.

“In the end, the tips contained in Ecumen’s new whitepaper should serve as an everyday checklist for nursing homes, rather than a document to be reviewed after being selected to be surveyed,” concludes Leber. “By consistently holding fast to an objective of creating the highest possible quality of life, a nursing home assuredly becomes far less a facility, and far more a home.”

[“10 Tips to Help Nursing Homes Prepare for the Quality Indicator Survey (QIS)”](http://www.ecumen.org/whitepaper.html) is available for download by visiting Ecumen’s website.

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