

Notes from Quality Partners Call
October 21, 2008
Clinical Excellence and Safety (CES)

There was light attendance on this call, most likely because the standards included in this section are so core to hospice care that most hospices have all of them in place already.

4.8a A request was made for definitions of what constitutes a medication error for patients who are being cared for in their homes. Frances will research this issue.

6.2a Criteria for determining when it is appropriate to use palliative radiation, chemotherapy, and complementary therapies are needed by some hospices. Frances will research this as well.

14.2 A policy and procedure for dealing with epidemics was discussed. It was suggested that hospices contact their local health departments for possible policies as most have been working on plans for a pandemic and may already have such a policy written for home care patients.

21.3b One hospice requested assessment tools for children and infants. Frances will research this.