

Creating Home in the Nursing Home:

A National Symposium on Culture Change and the Environment Requirements

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We are pleased to invite your organization to participate as one of the responders at the joint CMS/Pioneer Network national symposium: *Creating Home in the Nursing Home*, April 3, 2008, at the Marriot Wardman Park Hotel in Washington, DC. This one-day symposium focuses on changes to the physical environment of nursing homes being made by innovators and how these changes relate to federal and state regulations and the Life Safety Code.

(see links for Symposium agenda and brochure)

As a responder organization, you will be part of a panel of responders who will make brief (five minutes or less) comments following the presentation of the speaker(s) who are presenting the segment topic as listed on the agenda. The following organizations, including yours, have been invited to respond to the following topics:

Private Room Responder Panel

- American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging
- Society for the Advancement of Gerontological Environments
- National Association of Long-Term Care Ombudsmen

Household and Residential Models Responder Panel

- American Health Care Association
- American Institute of Architects
- The Green House Project

Lighting and Glare Responder Panel

- Alliance for Quality Nursing Home Care
- American College of Health Care Administrators representing The Long Term Care Professional Leadership Council
- Wellspring Innovation Solutions

Homelike and Home Responder Panel

- Association of Health Facility Survey Agencies
- National Citizens Coalition for Nursing Home Reform
- Eden Alternative

The person you select to represent your organization will be provided with the text of the speaker(s) presentation approximately one month prior to the symposium to give sufficient time for review of the presentation(s) in order to develop your comments. We will be including all responder comments in the post-symposium summary paper which will become available to the public.

The participation of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) in this symposium does not constitute the endorsement or support of Pioneer Network's programs or products by CMS or the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).



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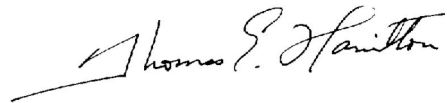
Responders are asked to come with prepared comments representing their organization's views on the topic and to keep their comments concise and brief. Each responder will be given no more than five minutes.

We would appreciate it if you would notify us whether your organization would like to take advantage of this unique opportunity to provide comment at this large, public forum. If you are interested, please let us know the name and contact information for the person you select as responder by January 11, 2008. Please send your response to the CMS contractor for this event, Carmen Bowman at carmen@edu-catering.com or 303-981-7228.

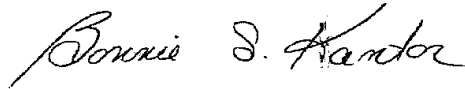
The address for the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel is 2660 Woodley Road NW, Washington, DC. Reservations for the event need to be made by individual attendees directly with Marriott Reservations at 202-328-2000 and ask for the Pioneer Network group rate of \$249. The room block is limited, so you are encouraged to make your reservation early and remember to ask for the Pioneer Network group rate.

If you have questions about this event, you may contact Karen Schoeneman of the CMS Division of Nursing Homes at 410-786-6855 or karen.schoeneman@cms.hhs.gov or Rose Marie Fagan of the Pioneer Network at 585-924 3419 or RoseMarie.Fagan@pioneernetwork.net.

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