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New TechForLTC.Org Web Site Offers Comprehensive Information on Technologies for Health Professionals in Long-Term Care Settings

HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson today announced the launch of a comprehensive, searchable Web site that contains information on hundreds of technology products to improve quality of life and care in long-term care residential settings.

Technology for Long Term Care is the result of a research project initiative by HHS to address barriers to bringing new technologies into residential care settings. Polisher Research Institute and IDEAS, Inc. constructed this Web site, *http://www.TechForLTC.org*, under contract with the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at HHS. The Web site was created to provide ready access to information on technologies that can help provide higher quality care for the elderly and the disabled. It will be especially useful for professionals in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, board and care facilities, adult day care facilities, and continuing care retirement communities. Extensive input was received from long-term care service providers, researchers, and state and federal officials to maximize its use and benefits.

"This helpful Web site is a one-stop-shop that helps professionals find out about available technologies that improve the lives of Americans living and working in these important settings," Secretary Thompson said.

By exploring the site, professionals can learn about low tech and high tech options currently available in four areas -- fall detection and prevention, wander management, calling for assistance, and incontinence. The site also highlights key issues to consider, such as regulatory concerns and resident quality of life, before selecting a technology. Once they decide which technology will meet their needs, they can search the site's extensive database to find specific products. A "Questions for Vendors" feature provides useful questions to ask vendors and manufacturers about their products.

Product information includes names, descriptions and details, price (when available), date last updated, the care issue and the category the product belongs to, and manufacturer/distributor contact information. The database will be continually updated to include the latest technological developments. Other care issues are planned to be added to the site in the future. Access to the Web site is unrestricted and free.

More information about the site is available at *http://www.TechForLTC.org*.

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Note: All HHS press releases, fact sheets and other press materials are available at *http://www.hhs.gov/news*.

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LONG-TERM CARE SETTINGS

Reports Available

Barriers to Implementing Technology in Residential Long-Term Care Settings
      Executive Summary   http://aspe.hhs.gov/daltcp/reports/2005/techbarres.htm
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