# **Suggested Answers to Discussion Topics, Chapter 7, Overview of Long-Term Care**

| Suggested Answers for Topics for Discussion | Learning Objective(s) |
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| 1a. Students’ response should include the following:  * Reassurance that care provided for residents in long-term care facilities has improved greatly over the years. Care is monitored by a variety of government and private agencies including OSHA, FDA, CDC, and CMS.  1b. Students’ response should include the following:  * OBRA requires nursing homes to take into account the residents’ physical, emotional, spiritual, and social needs. OBRA set standards for the physical environment in the nursing home, as well as for the training and evaluation of the nursing assistants. OBRA legislation is reviewed and passed by Congress each year. | 1,2, 4 |
| 2a. Students’ responses should include the following:  * The resident’s age and medical situation may qualify them for Medicare or Medicaid benefits that would help defray the cost of their care. * The resident may have private insurance that will help with their medical expenses. * The resident may be able to return home after rehabilitation and be responsible for all or most of their own care. | 3 |