The National Center for State Long Term Care Ombudsman Resources recently published *An Ombudsman's Guide to the Nursing Home Reform Amendments of OBRA '87*. It provides basic information about the reform law, including the 1990 Technical Amendments, and advice for advocates on how to work with the new law.

The guide discusses key issues in the reform law, including:

- Residents' Rights and Quality of Life
- Resident Assessment and Quality of Care
- Professional Staffing
- Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation
- Registry
- PASARR
- Survey and Certification
- Enforcement
- Reimbursement

Each issue discussion contains a special section focused on individual Ombudsman work, entitled "What Difference Should OBRA Make." This section describes what Ombudsmen should see changing in order to know that OBRA is working, what Ombudsmen should monitor, and what actions Ombudsmen can take to support OBRA implementation. Another section describes significant issues and questions for implementation.

The 225 page guide also contains a copy of the Resident Assessment Minimum Data Set, the February 2, 1989 *Long Term Care Facility Requirements*, and the text of the Nursing Home Reform Law, as amended through 1990.

We strongly recommend that all Substate Programs have a copy of this Guide available for reference. The information is extremely valuable and would be very useful as an in-service tool for volunteers.

Copies of the Guide can be purchased for $25 per copy, which includes postage and handling, from either the National Citizen Coalition for Nursing Home Reform, 1224 M Street, N.W., Suite 301, Washington, D.C., 20005 or from National Association of State Units on Aging, 2033 K Street, N.W., Suite 304, Washington, D.C., 20006. For more information contact Barbara Frank at NCCNHR, (202) 393-2018.