



CMS Long Term Care Update

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Overview of Discussion

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Survey and Operations Group

- Ensures providers and suppliers participating in the Medicare and Medicaid programs meet the minimum health and safety standards mandated by the Social Security Act.
- Conducts survey, certification, and enforcement activities, oversees the work conducted by the State Survey Agencies (SAs) in accordance with the provisions of their 1864 Agreements with CMS.

Vision

Ensure health, wellbeing, and quality of life for all Americans who rely on our health and long-term care system.

Mission

To evaluate quality and enforcement minimum standards that lead to safer care through certification, survey, enforcement, and emergency support.

Values

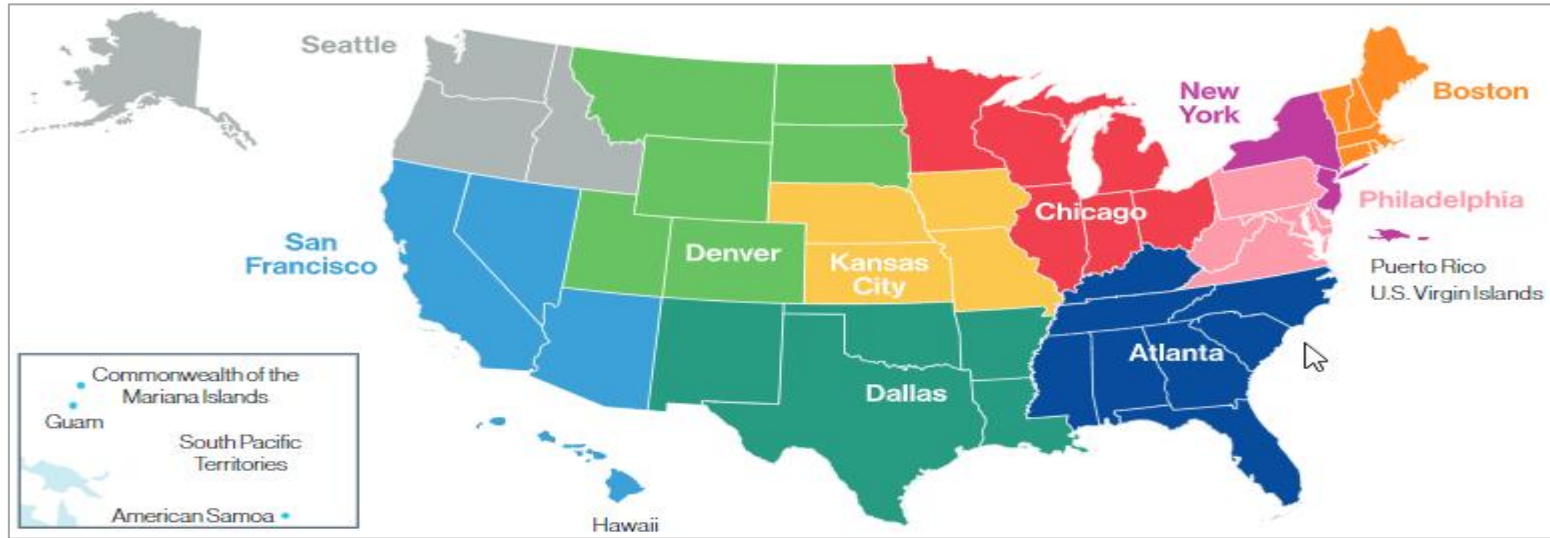
We are purpose-driven

We are committed

We own our work and are accountable for our results

We value continuous learning, and policy and state-level knowledge and expertise

SOG Divisions and Locations



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Quality, Certification and Oversight Reports

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Providers & Suppliers

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Welcome to S&C's Quality, Certification and Oversight Reports (QCOR)

What's New on QCOR?

New Features

An additional survey type has been added to QCOR for the survey and deficiency reports. These surveys are referred to as *Infection Control* for nursing homes and *Special* for other provider types. These types of inspections look at specific healthcare areas related to infection control.

A downloadable Code of Federal Regulations deficiency tags guide is available in the Resources tab.

Also, users can now view information related to transplant programs under the Hospitals link on QCOR. There is additional information on transplant programs in the QCOR FAQs.

Home Health Agencies (HHA), Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASC), and Hospices Information

Due to system migrations, HHA provider and survey information is only complete and accurate through May 19, 2021. ASC provider and survey information will only be complete and accurate through May 9, 2022. Hospice provider and survey information will only be accurate and complete through September 29, 2022.

Information about specific enforcement actions related to HHAs, ASCs, and hospices remain available by request, under the Freedom of Information Act. CMS is working to update the QCOR website during the system migration.

Attention QCOR users

If you require assistance using the QCOR application, please contact the QCOR Help Desk. For email requests, please use qcorhelp@innosoft.com.

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Nursing Home Provider Reports

The data in these reports, including provider and supplier counts and percentages, are valid for the subset of providers or suppliers for which there are survey records in CASPER.

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Beginning on July 31, 2024, deficiencies cited on more than one survey (i.e., standard, complaint, or infection control) on the same survey date for the same noncompliance are consolidated as one deficiency in deficiency count reports. Provider report pop-ups indicate all of the surveys that the deficiency (if any) was cited on in the last three columns.

Source: CASPER (03/08/2026)

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Quality in Focus Trainings

Provider and Supplier Compliance Education Through Quality in Focus (QIF) Trainings

Short (10–15 minutes), Quality in Focus interactive videos tailored for specific provider types.

Skilled Nursing Facility/Nursing Facility (SNF/NFs):

- Treatment and Prevention of Pressure Ulcer Citations

- Free of Accident Citations

- Medication Error Citations

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-23-06-all.pdf>

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<https://qsep.cms.gov/welcome.aspx>

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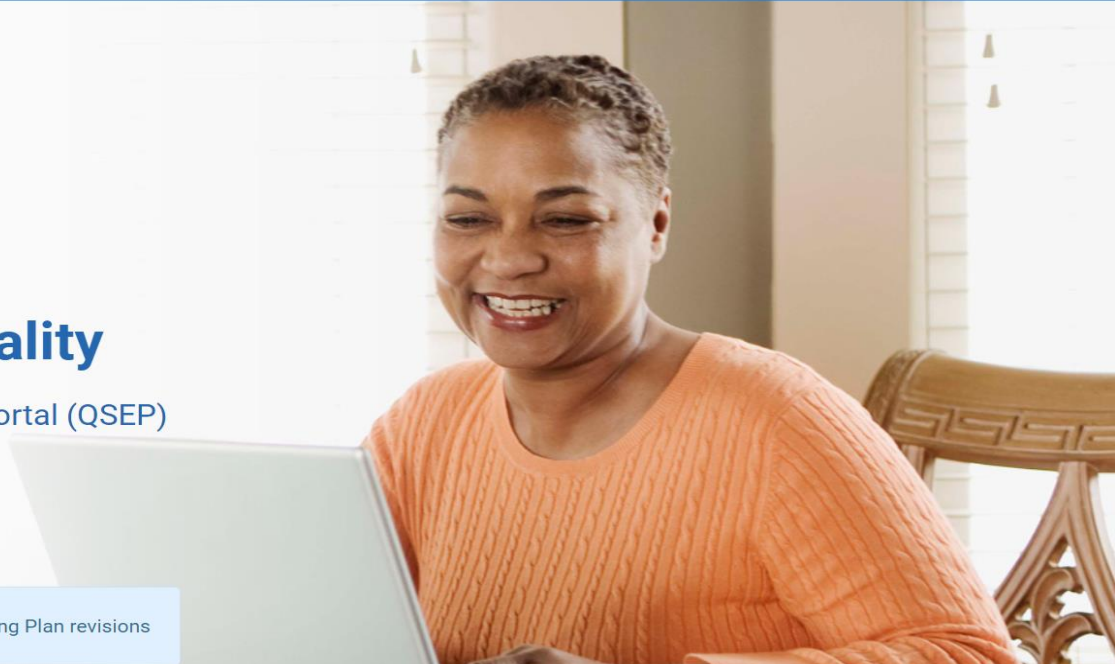
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Select here for information regarding the Long Term Care (LTC) Training Plan revisions



Revisions to the Special Focus Facility Program

- CMS is revising the focus area for selection to emphasize the prevalence of falls among the resident populations when considering SFF selection.
- In addition to health inspection scores, State Agencies may consider facility falls staffing data when selecting new SFFs.
- www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-23-01-nh-revised-2026-01-28.pdf

Long Term Care Survey Process –Risk Based Survey

- CMS consistently strives to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of our nursing home oversight to protect residents' health and safety.
- CMS is testing a risk-based survey (RBS) approach that allows consistently higher-quality facilities to receive a more focused survey that takes less time and resources, while ensuring compliance.

Nursing Home Staffing Campaign

Purpose

Nursing home staffing is a critical factor for improving resident care and is the number one problem for nursing homes.

CMS has launched a Nursing Home Staffing Campaign (NHSC) to address workforce shortages in nursing homes and strengthen state oversight capacity nationwide.

The objective is to recruit more RNs and LPNs to work in nursing homes and state survey agencies, particularly in high-labor-shortage areas.

Nursing Home Staffing Campaign, cont.

Program Structure

CMS will award cooperative agreements to Financial Incentive Administrators (FIAs) to recruit nurses and provide financial incentives of up to \$40,000 in student loan repayment or a \$10,000 stipend in return for the nurse working three years in a qualifying nursing home.

Qualifying nursing homes will be facilities in high-labor shortage areas, to prioritize nursing homes that have the most difficulty hiring nurses.

We're working with states to identify these facilities and will publish a list of these facilities in the future.

Nursing Home Staffing Campaign, cont.

Timeline

CMS released a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to award FIAs in early February 2026.

We anticipate FIAs will begin working July 1, 2026, set up their operations and start recruiting nurses in the fall.

The recruitment period will last approximately 18 months, followed by a three-year work commitment period.

This program will last five years.

Keep your eye on the CMS websites included here for updates.

Nursing Home Staffing Campaign Resources

General NHSC information

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/health-safety-standards/quality-safety-oversight-general-information/nursing-home-staffing-campaign>

Recruit CNAs and highlight career pathways

<https://www.cms.gov/priorities/key-initiatives/nursing-home-careers>

Notice of Funding Opportunity

<https://simpler.grants.gov/opportunity/2b0aea3d-4706-4508-8a8f-ae605d033e0d>

Questions

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