



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group

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TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: FY 2017 Mission & Priority document (MPD) – Action

Memorandum Summary

FY 2017 MPD: Enclosed is the final FY 2017 MPD. The final document is improved as a result of the feedback from AHFSA and the Regional Offices. Due to the separate IMPACT funding available, we are requesting each State's FY 2017 Hospice funding requests by October 28, 2016.

Hospice Funding Requests

Funding for hospice surveys will follow the same approach in FY 2017 as in FY 2015 and FY 2016 (communicated via AdminInfo 15-26). In short, all survey and certification work in FY 2017 regarding both non-deemed and deemed hospices is to be funded first by IMPACT funds (after subtracting that portion of costs properly assigned to the State's usual licensure share of the costs). Medicare S&C funds will be used after the State's allocation of IMPACT Act funds have been committed. We are requesting that States send their request for total FY 2017 hospice funding to their RO budget contacts by October 28, 2016, and copy Bary Slovikosky (Bary.Slovikosky@cms.hhs.gov). We have left Column B2 and D2 of Appendix 2 of the MPD blank until we have more time to review requests for hospice funding. We will issue a separate memorandum conveying the IMPACT funds allotted to each State.

S&C Medicare Funding Allocation Process

We have projected a 0.5% increase in Medicare funds as a target for this FY for all States. However, when Congress passes a final budget, we will engage in a process similar to the process used in FY2013-16; that is, we will ask each State to submit a budget request based on the State's needs and amount that the State actually expects to use. Due to State hiring limitations and the timing of federal appropriations, both we and States have found it more challenging to project funding availability and actual funding use in advance of the FY. We will therefore continue to provide a projected funding target, but will follow up later in the year with a more specific process.

Contact: For questions or concerns, please contact your RO.

Effective Date: Immediately. This policy should be communicated with all survey and certification staff, their managers and the State/Regional Office training coordinators within 30 days of this memorandum.

/s/

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Attachment(s):

Attachment 1- FY2017 MPD

Attachment 2- 2016 Curriculum Maps

Attachment 3- FY2017 Training Schedule

Attachment 4- CMS SCG Course Catalog FY2017

cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management