



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: State Attendance at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) Sixth National Background Check Program (NBCP) Training

Memorandum Summary

- **CMS National Background Check Program Training Meeting:** Scheduled for May 2 through 4, 2016, in Annapolis, Maryland.
- **Grantee State Required Attendance:** Grantee States are required to send three attendees using their grant funds.
- **All States, regardless of National Background Check Program participation, are invited to this training.**

Background

The CMS is pleased to announce that the 6th CMS NBCP Training Meeting is scheduled for three days, at the Double Tree Hotel, 210 Holiday Court, Annapolis, Maryland from May 2 through 4, 2016. This training will provide education to NBCP Grantee States, as well as those States interested in establishing or improving their background check programs for long term care providers and facilities. Grantee States are required to send three attendees to the training, using grant funds.

This training is part of the technical assistance CMS is providing to States as part of Section 6201 of the Affordable Care Act, which requires the Department of Health and Human Services to establish a nationwide program for long term care facilities and providers to conduct background checks on a statewide basis on all prospective direct patient access employees.

Presentations and panels during the 6th CMS NBCP Training Meeting include State collaboration, rap back technology, program sustainability, and provider rollout. States will have the opportunity to network with other Grantee and non-Grantee States. This is an opportunity for participants to learn from each other and attend formal educational sessions.

Grantee states and interested non-Grantee states (attending at their own expense) can register for the 6th CMS NBCP Training Meeting by visiting the registration website at:

<http://bgcheckinfo.cna.org/?q=AnnualTrainingRegistration>

Contact: If you have questions about the training you can contact Kellie Jakaitis via email at kellie.jakaitis1@cms.hhs.gov.

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.

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