



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey and Certification Group

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TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: State Survey and Certification Achievement Award – 2017 Survey Executives Training Institute (SETI)

Memorandum Summary

- **Nominations:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is requesting your nominations for the *National Survey and Certification Achievement Award* by **Friday, April 14, 2017**.
- This year we will continue with the *National Survey and Certification Achievement Award*, and invite your nominations for State individuals or teams that merit special acknowledgement.

Background

CMS established the *National Survey and Certification Achievement Award* in 2009 to recognize the achievements of those individuals and teams who have demonstrated outstanding performance in furthering the goals and objectives of the Survey and Certification (S&C) program for CMS. The awards will recognize the extraordinary performance of State individuals and teams in the following areas:

- High-quality work in the area of S&C under difficult circumstances;
- Significant performance improvement in meeting the goals of the S&C program;
- Outstanding leadership in crafting creative solutions to difficult S&C problems; and
- Effective use of information to promote the goals and objectives of the S&C program.

At least two awards will be made this year – one to State executive leadership and one to staff performing S&C activities. Nominations for the S&C Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership will be accepted from CMS Regional Offices (ROs), while nominations for S&C Achievement Awards for Outstanding Performance (staff) will be accepted directly from State Survey Agency Leadership or CMS ROs. The CMS ROs will play a key role in all selections.

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The award ceremony will occur on the final day of the 2017 SETI held May 17 – 19, 2017.

Contact: Please email the attached nomination form to Anita Moore at anita.moore@cms.hhs.gov by close of business on Friday, April 14, 2017.

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/
David R. Wright

Attachment: 2017 Survey and Certification Achievement Award Nomination Form

cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management