



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 Survey and Certification Achievement Award – 2015 Survey Executives Training Institute (SETI)

Memorandum Summary

Nominations: We request your nominations for the *National Survey and Certification Achievement Awards* by **February 27, 2015**.

This year we will be continuing with the *National Survey & Certification Achievement Awards*, and invite your nominations for State individuals or teams that merit special acknowledgement.

We established the *National Survey & Certification Achievement Awards* 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 Medicare and Medicaid. The awards will recognize the extraordinary performance of State individuals and teams in the following areas:

- High-quality work in the area of Survey and Certification (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 each 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 Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (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 at the 2015 Survey Executives Training Institute (SETI) on April 13 – 15, 2015. A separate Admin Info memorandum provided the “save the date” information for the SETI.

Please email the attached nomination form to Fred Mehl February 27, 2015 at fred.mehl@cms.hhs.gov.

/s/
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Attachment: 2015 S&C Achievement Nomination Form

cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management