



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 – 2013 Leadership Summit

Memorandum Summary

Nominations: We request your nominations for the *National Survey and Certification Achievement Awards* which were created in 2009. Nominations are due by **February 15, 2013**.

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* 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. CMS ROs will play a key role in all selections.

The award ceremony will occur at the Annual Survey and Certification Leadership Summit in April.

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Please email the attached nomination form to George Karahalidis by February 15, 2013 at george.karahalis@cms.hhs.gov.

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Attachment: 2013 S&C Achievement Nomination Form

cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management