

## **CORF/OPT/Portable X-Ray** **Continued Efforts over the Past Years**

### **1. Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (CORFs)**

Due to budgetary constraints, CORF applicants may be unable to receive initial surveys. However, existing CORFs may request to open off-site locations for the provision of therapy services. This may create an additional work load for the SAs as they must evaluate the information provided by the CORFs to determine whether or not to recommend approval for those offsite locations to the ROs. The RO retains discretion on whether to conduct a survey of a requested additional practice location. Currently CMS does not track offsite locations separately. SAs should include off-site locations in the survey process whenever possible. SAs must ensure that offsite locations are meeting the intent of the CoPs.

Also see: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/CertificationandCompliance/CORFs.html>

### **2. Rehabilitation Agencies (Outpatient Physical Therapy (OPT) and Speech-Language Pathology Services)**

Many rehabilitation agencies provide services from extension sites (an additional practice location or sometimes rented space in nursing homes and assisted living facilities) in addition to their primary site of certification. SAs should ensure extension locations are incorporated into the survey process by selecting a sample of extension locations to survey in addition to the primary site. In FY2006 CMS began issuing identifiers to rehabilitation agency extension locations to ensure that CMS and SAs were aware of the existence of such locations. It is important for the SAs to verify that the rehabilitation agencies with extension locations are providing oversight (administrative and supervisory) for all their locations.

Surveys of new OPTs are a Tier 4 priority, since these facilities have a deeming option. In future years we will, as funding permits, require validation surveys for a representative sample of deemed OPTs.

Also see: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/CertificationandCompliance/OutpatientRehab.html>

### **3. Portable X-ray**

Portable X-ray suppliers are also requesting additional locations. SOM guidance for approval of additional practice locations and service across state lines is expected in FY 2019.