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S&C 17-36-NH REVISION TO STATE OPERATIONS MANUAL (SOM) APPENDIX PP FOR
PHASE 2, F-TAG REVISIONS, AND RELATED ISSUES

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

Revised Medicare and Medicaid requirements for participation for Long Term Care (LTC) facilities (42 CFR part 483, subpart B) were released on September 28, 2016 and became effective as of November 28, 2016, with a three-part phase-in of implementation dates over the next three years. **The implementation date for Phase 2 of the revisions is November 28, 2017.**

Revised Interpretive Guidance: In September 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released revised Requirements for Participation under the Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Reform of Requirements for Long-Term Care Facilities rule. CMS is releasing revised Interpretive Guidance to be effective November 28, 2017.

Revised F Tags: The revisions to the regulations caused many of the prior regulatory citations to be re-designated. As such, CMS was required to re-number the F-Tags used to identify each regulatory part. Those new F-Tags are described here.

Training Resources: CMS is providing several training resources on their website and on an MLN Connect call on July 25, 2017 from 1:30 to 3:00pm EST.

Enforcement and Nursing Home Compare Considerations: To address concerns related to the scope and timing of the changes, CMS will be providing limited enforcement remedies for certain Phase 2 provisions and will be holding constant the Nursing Home Compare health inspection rating for one year.

Additional information and the S&C memo can be found at: [S&C 17-36.1-NH](#), [S&C 17-36.2-NH](#), [S&C 17-36.3-NH](#)

Thank you for your continued commitment to the health and safety of nursing home residents. If you have any questions, please contact your local RCS Field Manager.

Sincerely,

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