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## **INFORMATIONAL LETTER #2005-13**

**DATE:** December 20, 2005

TO: ALL CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS IN IDAHO

**FROM:** DEBBY RANSOM, R.N., R.H.I.T., Chief

Bureau of Facility Standards

SUBJECT: LOCATION AND RELOCATION OF CRITICAL ACCESS HOSPITALS

(CAHS) AND RELOCATION OF NECESSARY PROVIDER CAHS

The purpose of this letter is to notify Critical Access Hospitals of the implementation of new regulations regarding the location and relocation of CAHs, including CAHs with a grandfathered necessary provider designation.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services provided guidance for implementation of the new regulations effective January 1, 2006. Survey and Certification Letter #06-04 can be found with this Informational Letter at our web site address <a href="http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/site/3544/default.aspx">http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/site/3544/default.aspx</a>. Look for the document entitled "2005-13 Survey & Certification Letter 06-04."

If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Creswell, Supervisor of Non Long Term Care at 208/334-6626.

[original signed by Debby Ransom & on file at the Bureau of Facility Standards]

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