
Skilled Nursing Facility/Nursing Facility (SNF/NF)

A SNF/NF is a facility which provides twenty four hour: Professional nursing supervision, nursing care, rehabilitative services, and assistance with activities of daily living for individuals who have unstable or chronic health problems. Residents require medical supervision but not on a daily basis.



SNF/NF Federal and State Requirements



In Idaho, SNF/NFs are governed by federal certification regulations and Idaho state licensure rules ([IDAPA 16.03.02](#)). Applicable federal certification requirements are found in the CMS SOM [Chapter 7](#) Survey and Enforcement Process for SNF and NF and in SOM [Appendix P](#) , [Appendix PP](#), and [Appendix Q](#). Below is a brief overview of the regulations. Please refer to the SOM and its appendices for additional information.

Appendix P & PP – Survey Protocol for Long Term Care (LTC) Facilities & Guidance to Surveyors for LTC Facilities

[Appendix P](#) includes an outline of the Survey process, Deficiency Categorization, Writing the Statement of Deficiencies Confidentiality and Respect for Resident Privacy, Information Transfer (information exchange between facility staff and surveyors), and Additional Procedures for Medicare Participating LTC Facilities.



[Appendix PP](#) includes the federal statutory designation, the regulatory language, and interpretive guidance. Deficiency determination in a SNF is based on Scope and Severity and establishes the basis for enforcement actions.

The purpose of the interpretive guidance is to clarify the information that is relevant to a requirement, and to assist in consistent decision-making regarding facility compliance.

Appendix Q – Guidelines for Determining Immediate Jeopardy

[Appendix Q](#) provides guidance specific to situations of Immediate Jeopardy. Jeopardy is defined as a situation in which the entity's noncompliance "...has caused, or is likely to cause, serious injury, harm, impairment, or death to a resident receiving care in a facility".

The three components of Immediate Jeopardy are *Harm*, *Immediacy*, and *Culpability*. Harm may be actual or potential; immediacy means the harm is likely to occur in the very near future if immediate action is not taken; and culpability asks if the entity knew or should have known about the situation.

Additional Information

For additional information regarding the SNF program, please visit:
[CMS Skilled Nursing Facility Center](#).