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 PP, and Appendix Q. Below is a brief overview of the regulations. Please refer to the SOM and its appendices for additional information.
Appendix PP – Survey Protocol for Long Term Care (LTC) Facilities & Guidance to Surveyors for 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.