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## Skilled Nursing Facility/Nursing Facility (SNF/NF)

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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.



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## SNF/NF Federal and State Requirements

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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.

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

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[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.

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## Appendix Q – Guidelines for Determining Immediate Jeopardy

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[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.

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## Additional Information

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