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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
*Aging and Long-Term Support Administration*  
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**QSO-22-10-ALL VACCINATION EXPECTATIONS FOR SURVEYORS PERFORMING  
FEDERAL OVERSIGHT**

Dear NH Administrator and ICF/IID Superintendent:

On January 25, 2022, with [QSO-22-10-ALL](#), CMS issued national guidance to implement vaccination requirements for surveyors entering long-term care facilities. Only surveyors who are fully vaccinated should participate as part of the onsite survey team performing federal oversight of certified providers and suppliers. Surveyors who are not fully vaccinated and individuals who are granted a reasonable accommodation or exemption under federal civil rights laws, should not participate as part of the onsite survey team.

This guidance is in addition to the Governor's August 9, 2021 [Proclamation 21-14](#) requiring most state employees and private health care and long-term care workers to be vaccinated against COVID-19. Currently, the Department of Social and Health Services does not allow reasonably accommodated state staff to go into long-term care facilities.

**The Department of Social and Health Services is responsible for compliance with vaccine requirements. Therefore, certified providers and suppliers are not permitted to ask surveyors for proof of their vaccination status as a precondition for entry.**

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact Molly McClintock, Nursing Facility Policy Program Manager, at (360) 742-6966 or [Molly.McClintock@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Molly.McClintock@dshs.wa.gov), or Debbie Hoeman, ICF/IID Policy Program Manager, at (360) 725-3210 or [Debbie.Hoeman@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:Debbie.Hoeman@dshs.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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