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CMS QSO-22-17-ALL: UPDATING STAFF VACCINATION SURVEY REQUIREMENTS

Dear Administrator/Superintendent:

In response to the Public Health Emergency, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published QSO-22-07-ALL on December 28, 2021, which provided guidance for the Interim Final Rule – Medicare and Medicaid Programs; Omnibus COVID-19 Health Care Staff Vaccination. Under this rule, CMS expects all Medicare and Medicaid-certified facility providers' and suppliers' staff to be appropriately vaccinated unless exempted as required by law or delayed consistent with CDC recommendations. To help with compliance, CMS provided guidance in QSO-22-07-ALL requiring Residential Care Services (RCS) to complete regulatory survey oversight for nursing homes (NH) and intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID) facility staff vaccination compliance for all survey types.

On June 14, 2022, CMS released [QSO-22-17-ALL](#), providing updated guidance for RCS to complete regulatory survey for NH and ICF/IID facility staff vaccination compliance for initial certification, annual recertification, and complaint investigations only when alleging non-compliance with the following requirements:

- **NH:** [F888 under 42 CFR §483.80 Infection Control](#)
- **ICF/IID:** [W-0508 under 42 CFR §483.430 Condition of Participation: Facility staffing](#)

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

Sincerely,

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