



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES  
*Aging and Long-Term Support Administration*  
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AL TSA: NH #2022-044  
AL TSA: ICF/IID #2022-016  
**QSO-22-18-ALL: CLARIFYING VACCINATION EXPECTATIONS FOR SURVEYORS  
PERFORMING FEDERAL OVERSIGHT AND RESCINDING QSO-10-22-ALL**

Dear Administrator/Superintendent:

This letter rescinds AL TSA: NH #2022-014 and AL TSA: ICF/IID #2022-004.

On June 16, 2022, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published [QSO-22-18-ALL](#), which rescinded QSO-22-10-ALL regarding vaccination expectations for surveyors performing federal oversight activities. The new memo clarifies that state survey agencies are responsible for compliance with surveyor vaccination requirements. In addition, CMS explains the guidance does not include the possibility for penalties for non-compliance and prohibits facilities from asking about surveyor vaccination status.

This guidance is in addition to the Governor's August 9, 2021 [Proclamation 21-14](#) requiring most employees and private health care and long-term care workers to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

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 [Debra Hoeman](#), ICF/IID Policy Program Manager, at (360) 725-3210.

Sincerely,

Mike Anbesse, Director  
Residential Care Services

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