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**S&C: 17-19-NH REVISION TO STATE OPERATIONS MANUAL (SOM) APPENDIX PP**

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

CMS previously released a version of Appendix PP that incorporated the new regulations into the SOM. This most recent version of Appendix PP issued on February 10, 2017 has made technical corrections where regulatory text needed to be addressed and certain subsections of the regulation had to have the numerical order corrected. CMS will be issuing a subsequent version of Appendix PP with updated Interpretive Guidance and a re-ordering of F-Tags at a future date.

**Only Phase 1 regulatory text is effective in this version of Appendix PP.** We have included Phase 2 and Phase 3 language, but have distinguished these provisions within Appendix PP and have listed their effective dates.

**Revisions to SOM Appendix PP:** CMS has revised regulation text into the SOM Appendix PP to correct identified technical errors and correct the numerical order of tags. **The revised version was released on February 10, 2017.** The regulation text is effective November 28, 2016; the Interpretive Guidance has not been updated. **Interpretive Guidance will be revised at a later date.**

The final rule can be located at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/GuidanceforLawsAndRegulations/Nursing-Homes.html>

Additional information and the S&C memo can be found at <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Downloads/Survey-and-Cert-Letter-17-19.pdf>

Thank you for your continued commitment to the health and safety of nursing home residents. If you have any questions, please contact your local RCS Field Manager.

Sincerely,

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