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QSO-19-19-NH UPDATES TO CIVIL MONEY PENALTY (CMP)
REINVESTMENT RESOURCE MATERIALS

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

This letter is to inform you of updates and additional resources now available on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) civil monetary penalty (CMP) Reinvestment Resource Web Page. CMS announced these changes in a memorandum, [QSO-19-19-NH](#).

A federal CMP is a monetary penalty CMS may impose against nursing homes for not being in substantial compliance with certain Medicare or Medicaid participation requirements. After CMPs are collected, CMS sends a portion back to the State. The State must reinvest these funds to support projects that benefit nursing home residents and that protect or improve their quality of care or quality of life.

In November of 2016, CMS released a web page with general information on the reinvestment of CMP funds. This web page has information designed for entities interested in applying for CMP funds, State Agencies, CMS Regional Offices, and other stakeholders. In an effort to provide CMP Reinvestment stakeholders with additional information on funded projects, CMS has updated the web page and provided additional resources.

New information includes:

- CMP reinvestment application resources, including guidance in areas that often require clarification by the applicant. These areas include budget information, nursing home involvement in the development and implementation of the project, and potential duplication of efforts by nursing homes. The web site now has an "Example CMP Reinvestment Application Budget Template" and a "CMP Reinvestment Application Resource Guide."
- The updated CMP application features an option to indicate submission of an "extension project" for applications that are identical to a previously approved project, and for example, that is being duplicated in another state. This will reduce the burden on the applicant and shorten the review process.
- CMP reinvestment state plan resources for State Agencies,
- State CMP reinvestment projects funded in calendar years (CY) 2017 and 2018, and
- Examples of CMP funded projects as well as non-allowable uses of CMP funding.

The CMS CMP Reinvestment Resource page: <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/LTC-CMP-Reinvestment.html>

The QSO memorandum from CMS is effective immediately. For questions about the QSO memorandum, please email: CMP-info@cms.hhs.gov.

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In addition to resources available from CMS, Residential Care Services has a CMP web page containing information on the application process, frequently asked questions and answers, the application review process and review checklist, and approved projects. The web page: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/civil-money-penalty-cmp-funds>.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you are interested in receiving more information about applying for CMP funds or our state CMP Reinvestment Plan, please contact Melissa Lawton, RCS Civil Monetary Penalty Grant Specialist, at (360) 725-3204 or melissa.lawton@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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