

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: Nebraska

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

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Procedures for Scheduling and Conduct of Standard Surveys

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The State has in effect the following procedures for the scheduling and conduct of standard surveys to assure that it has taken all reasonable steps to avoid giving notice.

The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued the following policy on survey scheduling for Medicare and Medicaid certification purposes.

All initial surveys and scheduled re-surveys for all providers are conducted unannounced, or are announced consistent with CMS instructions per State Operations Manuals 2700A.

Initial surveys for Medicare/Medicaid certified facilities are to be conducted within 90 days from the date of notification from the facility that it is in full operation (SOM 2008A), if possible.

Life Safety Code surveys should be scheduled to coincide with the health survey. In no instance should the Life Safety Code survey precede the health survey. The State Fire Marshall's office conducts the Life Safety Code survey during or after the health survey. It must be scheduled so that all certification actions are completed timely.

It may be necessary to conduct a complete formal survey at an earlier date than planned, due to a complaint about deteriorating standards of care, substantial changes in management or ownership, a significant change in the type of treatment involved, etc. These surveys are not announced in advance.

It may be appropriate to make an unannounced visit between regular survey visits to determine the status of a previously identified problem area or to monitor progress on corrections.

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