

# **Nursing Home Post Certification Revisit Process**

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is expanding their method of compliance verification. MDH will continue to use onsite post certification revisits as one method of verification, but on a less frequent basis. Below is the new post certification revisit process, effective for all nursing home surveys exited after November 3, 2006. This process is consistent with current federal policy and it is enhanced by the inclusion of random visits. The policy applies to all nursing home health and Life Safety Code deficiencies.

## **I. Mandatory Onsite Revisits**

Onsite revisits will occur when any of the following situations apply:

- A. when a facility has a deficiency finding of G and above on current survey;
- B. when a facility has a deficiency finding of Substandard Quality of Care on current survey;
- C. when a facility has been selected by CMS as a Special Focus Facility; or,
- D. when a facility's prior survey or complaint investigation resulted in a deficiency finding of Substandard Quality of Care or immediate jeopardy.

## **II. Random Onsite Revisits**

In addition to the mandatory revisits described above, MDH will conduct revisits to a percentage of facilities chosen at random. These random visits will provide the survey agency with an onsite sample to validate that Plans of Corrections are being implemented as written.

## **III. Verification of Compliance by Signature**

The nursing home Plan of Correction (POC) is the facility's plan to be in compliance and is approved by MDH. The facility's signature on the Plan of Correction will be considered verification that compliance has been achieved as of the latest date specified on the POC and MDH may validate this verification by conducting an onsite revisit.

## **IV. Effective Date**

This policy applies to all surveys exited after November 3, 2006.

## **V. Evaluation of Policy Change**

This policy will be monitored and evaluated over the next year.