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Below is a list of survey and certification CMS related links:

- INTERPRETIVE GUIDELINES

The Interpretive Guidelines and Survey Procedures for various providers or suppliers are located in the Appendices to the State Operations Manual (SOM). For example: Hospitals = Appendix A, Psychiatric Hospitals = Appendix AA, CLIA= Appendix C, Life Safety= Appendix I, Immediate Jeopardy= Appendix Q, Swing Bed Hospitals= Appendix T, EMTALA= Appendix V, or Critical Access Hospitals = Appendix W. There are many other appendices.

One way to obtain a specific Appendix is to go to the webpage for the Table of Contents page for the Appendices to the SOM. Once at that page 'click' on the Appendix you wish to access. The Table of Contents Page for the SOM is found at:

www.cms.hhs.gov/manuals/downloads/som107_Appendixtoc.pdf

- SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION LETTERS

CMS Survey and Certification (S&C) releases information related to survey and certification guidance for various providers and suppliers to its Regional Offices and the State Survey Agencies through communications called Survey and Certification Letters. The letters are released on an ongoing basis. Once a letter is released, it is posted on the CMS website. The letters are organized by Federal fiscal years. For example, the first letter released for fiscal year 2010 would be labeled "S&C 10-01". The S&C letters can be obtained at: www.cms.hhs.gov/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/PMSR/list.asp

- ELECTRONIC CFR (e-CFR)

The e-CFR is an electronic version of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The CFR is divided into "Titles", with "Title 42 Public Health", containing CMS regulations. The Federal Register within the Government Printing Office publishes the various Titles of the CFR on an annual basis (Title 42 each October). However, the e-CFR is updated on an ongoing basis.

Medicare Hospital Conditions of Participation (CoP) are found in 42 CFR 482

Medicare Provider Agreement regulations are found in 42 CFR 489

Medicare IPPS and IPPS Exclusion regulations are found in 42 CFR 412

Medicare Provider and Supplier Accreditation and Survey Regulations are found in 42 CFR 488

Medicare Provider-based regulations are found in 42 CFR 413.65

The web address for the e-CFR is: <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov>