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All Long Term Care Facilities (SNF/NF, ICFMR)

Dear Administrator:

This letter is in reference to the Plan of Correction (POC) process.

When a facility has not come into compliance on the 90th day following the date of survey, a federal Denial of Payment for New Admissions (DPNA) is imposed by The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). CMS requires the Department of Health and Senior Services (Department) to notify the CMS Regional Office on the 70th day following the survey date if the facility may be in the position to receive notice of a DPNA on the 90th day.

In order to provide the facility with an opportunity to correct all deficiencies, the Department does not conduct a revisit until the last date of alleged compliance in the POC. When facilities allege compliance on the 90th day, however, the surveyors do not have time to conduct a revisit survey, if necessary, before a DPNA becomes effective.

Therefore, the Department requests that you develop a POC with timeframes that allege compliance on the 60th day, in order that we may conduct a revisit and notify CMS of substantial compliance, as indicated within the required timeframe.

Additionally, please note that you are required to submit your POC within 10 calendar days of receipt of the deficiency statement.

Thank you for your attention to these matters. If you have any questions, please contact Joanne Maxwell, Program Manager, at 609-633-8981.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Allison Gibson".

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