

MEMORANDUM

Texas Department of Human Services * Long Term Care/Policy

TO: LTC-R Regional Directors
Home and Community Support Services Agencies (HCSSA) Program Administrators

FROM: Marc Gold
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State Office MC: W-519

SUBJECT: Regional Survey & Certification Letter #99-30

DATE: December 4, 1999

The attached RS&C Letter is being provided to you for information purposes and should be shared with all professional staff.

- RS&C Letter No. 99-30 -- The Patient's Rights Condition of Participation for Hospitals

If you have any questions, please direct inquiries to the individuals or sections listed above.

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Marc Gold

Attachment

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Health Care Financing Administration

Region VI
1301 Young Street, Room 833
Dallas, Texas 75202

November 12, 1999

REGIONAL SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION LETTER NO: 99-30

To: All State Survey Agencies (Information)
All Title XIX Single State Agencies (Information)

Subject: The Patient's Rights Condition of Participation for Hospitals

Within the past year, the public, media, and Congress have grown increasingly concerned about the need to ensure basic protections for patient health and safety in hospitals. Their attention has specifically focused on the use of restraints and seclusion. In response to this issue, the Patients' Rights Condition of Participation (CoP) was separated from the larger package of hospital CoPs and published separately in the Federal Register as an interim final rule on July 2, 1999.

Its provisions became effective on August 2, 1999. The public was invited to submit written comments on standards (3) and (f), which relate to the use of restraints and seclusion, by August 31. These comments will be considered as HCFA works on a final version of these standards for publication in the Federal Register. In addition, a list of questions and answers are located on HCFA's Internet site at <http://www.hcfa.gov/quality/4b.htm>. If you have any additional questions, please call Kenneth Marmon at (214) 767-3567 or Mitchell Chunn at (214) 767-4446.

Sincerely,

~Signature on File~

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