



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/Survey & Certification Group

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TO: State Survey Agency Directors

FROM: Director
Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Memorandum Summary

- During the recent PRTF training courses many questions were received from attendees regarding survey expectations in applying the PRTF Condition of Participation (CoP) and regulatory requirements.
- **PRTF FAQs:** Attached is a list of the questions we received and our responses which are provided to support surveyor consistency nationwide.

Background

The PRTF FAQ document was compiled from questions which were submitted by the State Agency or Regional Office surveyors either during or after PRTF basic surveyor training classes. The aim of this FAQ is to promote national consistency in the application of the PRTF requirements; assist in surveyor understanding of the PRTF program nuances; and to clarify any misunderstanding that may have occurred as the result of class presentations. This FAQ is not intended to replace or supersede the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) PRTF related policies or regulations.

Contact: For questions about this memorandum or the FAQ list contact Peter Ajuonuma peter.ajuonuma@cms.hhs.gov or Donald Howard donald.howard@cms.hhs.gov.

Effective Date: Immediately. This document should be communicated with all survey and certification staff, their managers and the State/Regional Office training coordinators within 30 days of this memorandum.

/s/
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Attachment- PRTF Frequently Asked Questions

cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management