

State Mississippi

STANDARDS AND METHODS OF ASSURING HIGH QUALITY CARE

The State Agency has in operation a computerized surveillance and utilization system which supplies data and statistics in such form as to enable the State Agency to reasonably assure high quality and appropriate quantity of medical care and to satisfy specific reporting requirements.

The State Agency further seeks to assure quality care through payment of fees sufficiently high to attract participation by an adequate number of qualified providers.

The ability to deliver quality care in the Nursing Home Program is assured by the following methods: (1) By written agreement with the Mississippi State Department of Health, all skilled nursing facilities and intermediate care facilities are surveyed at least annually to insure compliance with 42 CFR Part 442 - Standards for Payment for skilled nursing and intermediate care facility services; (2) The need for and the quality of nursing home services is assured by review teams composed of Single State Agency staff which perform on-site IOCs every six months. (3) In-service training is given in the facilities on a request basis by the professional staff of the Single State Agency; and (4) Personal contact and correspondence is used by the Single State Agency's physician to encourage more physician participation in caring for nursing home patients.

The State Agency also uses the services of a Dental Consultant for advice and recommendations on questions and problems in the dental area.

The State Agency also has seven (7) Technical Advisory Committees made up of persons actively engaged in the rendering of health services in the fields of Hospital, Physicians, Nursing Homes, Dental, Optometrists, Home Health, and Drugs. Drugs that are added or deleted to the Drug Formulary are done so upon the recommendation of an anonymous Formulary Committee, which is composed of pharmacists and physicians.

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