



Center for Clinical Standards and Quality/ Quality, Safety & Oversight Group

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TO: State Survey Agency Directors
FROM: Director
Quality, Safety & Oversight Group (*formerly Survey & Certification Group*)
SUBJECT: State Surveyor Infection Control Educational Opportunity

Memorandum Summary

- **Educational Opportunity:** The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will provide funding for selected State surveyors to attend the Association for Professionals in Infection Control (APIC) Annual Educational Conference or Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) Intensive Course.
- **Nominations:** State Agencies (SA) may nominate surveyors to attend the APIC Annual Conference from June 13 to June 15, 2018 in Minneapolis, MN, or the APIC ASC Intensive course from August 20 to August 23, 2018 in Washington State.
- **Funding will cover travel, lodging, per diem, and registration costs.**

Background

Infection control is an important aspect of patient safety and many State surveyors have expressed an interest in having opportunities to improve their infection control knowledge. There is funding available to send selected surveyors to the APIC Annual Conference, June 13 to June 15, 2018 in Minneapolis, MN, or the ASC Intensive Course, August 20 to August 23, 2018 in Washington State (final location to be determined), in an effort to enhance their ability to better assess infection control compliance during surveys. Federal funds will cover travel, lodging, per diem, and registration costs.

Each SA may submit and prioritize up to three nominations. At least one surveyor will be selected from each SA, and perhaps more depending on the number of SAs that submit nominations.

Contact: Please respond with nominations to Patricia Payne at patricia.payne@cms.hhs.gov no later than March 1, 2017. Shortly thereafter, each SA that submits nominations will be contacted with the name(s) of surveyors selected to attend this course, instructions for registration and hotel reservations, and funding options.

/s/
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cc: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management