

Under CMS' focused survey process, during the next few weeks, only the following types of federal inspections will be prioritized and conducted:

- Complaint inspections: State survey agencies will continue to conduct inspections related to complaints and facility-reported incidents that are triaged at the Immediate Jeopardy level. These include allegations such as physical or sexual abuse, neglect, or other conditions that may create an imminent threat to the health and safety of patients and residents. Inspectors will use a streamlined Infection Control review tool, regardless of the Immediate Jeopardy allegation.
- Targeted Infection Control inspections: Federal and state inspectors will conduct targeted infection control inspections of providers identified through CMS collaboration with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). These inspectors will use a streamlined targeted review checklist to minimize the impact on provider activities, while ensuring providers are implementing actions to protect health and safety. The goal of these inspections will be to provide a quick, focused assessment of a provider's infection control practices in those areas where such increased oversight will be most effective. Providers will then receive immediate feedback to allow them to address any potential gaps or shortcomings.
- Self-Assessments: The Infection Control checklist referenced above will also be shared with providers and suppliers, to allow for self-assessment of their Infection Control plans. This may be the best solution in some cases when there is a lack of personal protective equipment or state surveyors available.

During this time frame, the following inspections will not be conducted:

- Standard inspections for nursing homes, hospitals, home health agencies, intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities, and hospices; and
- Revisit inspections not associated with Immediate Jeopardy.
- During this time, CMS will prioritize Immediate Jeopardy investigations over recertification surveys for Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) laboratories. CMS will use enforcement discretion, unless Immediate Jeopardy situations arise. Finally, initial inspections will be conducted in accordance with current guidance and prioritization.

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