

MEMORANDUM

TO: Audrey Sunderraj
cc: Fred Gladden, CMS
FROM: Andy Kramer
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RE: QIS Communication

The University of Colorado wants to clarify some points regarding communication between state survey teams and providers during QIS surveys:

- Stage II Sample Resident List and the Stage II Care Area List can be provided to the facility during the exit conference. (These two reports are not to be provided to the facility during transition.) Step 60 of the QIS Checklist communicates this information.
- Communication during the QIS survey is not much different from the standard survey, except that it may be further into the survey before surveyors have completed their initial investigation and are ready to question staff and administrators. SOM Task 7 Exit Conference (traditional process) is identical to Tab 1 page 56 of the QIS Process: "During the exit conference, provide the facility with the opportunity to discuss and supply additional information that they believe is pertinent. Because of the ongoing dialogue between surveyors and facility staff during the survey, there should be few instances where the facility is not aware of surveyor concerns or has not had an opportunity to present additional information prior to the exit conference."

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.