§ 488.308 Survey frequency.

(a) Basic period. The survey agency must conduct a standard survey of each SNF and NF not later than 15 months after the last day of the previous standard survey.

(b) Statewide average interval. (1) The statewide average interval between standard surveys must be 12 months or less, computed in accordance with paragraph (d) of this section.

(2) CMS takes corrective action in accordance with the nature of the State survey agency’s failure to ensure that the 12-month statewide average interval requirement is met. CMS’s corrective action is in accordance with §488.320.

(c) Other surveys. The survey agency may conduct a survey as frequently as necessary to—

(1) Determine whether a facility complies with the participation requirements; and

(2) Confirm that the facility has corrected deficiencies previously cited.

(d) Computation of statewide average interval. The statewide average interval is computed at the end of each Federal fiscal year by comparing the last day of the most recent standard survey for each participating facility to the last day of each facility’s previous standard survey.