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Why OIG Did This Review

Federal regulations require nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities (nursing homes) to submit correction plans to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) or their respective State oversight agency for certain deficiencies identified during surveys. State agencies must verify the correction of identified deficiencies by obtaining evidence of correction or through onsite reviews. This review of the State agency in New York is part of an ongoing series of reviews of States' verification of correction of deficiencies.

Our objective was to determine whether New York verified nursing homes' correction of deficiencies identified during surveys in calendar year (CY) 2014 in accordance with Federal requirements.

How OIG Did This Review

We selected a stratified random sample of 100 deficiencies associated with 89 nursing homes and reviewed New York's documentation.

New York Did Not Always Verify Correction of Deficiencies Identified During Surveys of Nursing Homes Participating in Medicare and Medicaid

What OIG Found

New York did not always verify nursing homes' correction of deficiencies identified during surveys in CY 2014 in accordance with Federal requirements. We estimated that the State agency did not obtain the nursing homes' evidence of correction for 72 percent of the deficiencies identified during surveys in CY 2014.

What OIG Recommends and New York Comments

We recommend that New York ensure that surveyors follow CMS guidance for verifying and documenting the correction of nursing home deficiencies in accordance with Federal requirements.

New York did not indicate concurrence or nonconcurrence with our recommendation; however, it described steps taken to implement the recommendation. The State agency also agreed that it did not provide documentation to support that it had verified nursing homes' correction of deficiencies for all of our sampled deficiencies.