

## **CMS Releases S & C Memo on Medication Pass Observation During Survey**

The [Memorandum 13-36 NH](#) includes revisions to Appendix P of the State Operations Manual and includes the following:

- The number of observations required to calculate the medication error rate is revised to a minimum of 25 medication administration opportunities.
- The revision eliminates the requirement to extend the medication pass for another 20-25 opportunities.
- A new Medication Observation Form has been created, replacing CMS-677 (Medication Pass Worksheet).
- These changes match the Quality Indicator Survey Medication Administration Observation protocol, standardizing the medication error rate for both surveys.

The changes to these survey procedures are effective immediately.