

Tag.....You're It!!

CMS E-Tags

Scope and Severity is a system of rating the seriousness of deficiencies. A “deficiency” is a regulatory requirement that a survey finds not being met. Scope and Severity is a national system used by all state survey agencies and the Health Care Financing Administration when conducting nursing home Medicare and Medicaid certification surveys.

For each deficiency, the surveyor determines the level of harm to the resident or resident(s) involved and the scope of the problems within the nursing home. The surveyor then assigns an alphabetical scope and severity value, A through L, to the deficiency. “A” is the least serious and “L” is the most serious rating. The scope and severity matrix is an integral part of how nursing home scores are calculated in the scoring system.

What is Substandard Quality of Care?

Substandard Quality of Care is a technical regulatory term which means that one or more requirements under the federal regulations 42CFR 483.13 (resident behavior and facility practices), 42CFR 483.15 (quality of life), or 42CFR 483.25 (quality of care) were not met, to a degree constituting immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety, and a scope of pattern or widespread actual harm, or a widespread potential for more than minimal harm. A finding of substandard quality of care indicates that the nursing home was found to have had a significant deficiency (or deficiencies), which the home must address and correct quickly to protect the health and safety of residents. The Division specifies a maximum time frame for correction of the deficiencies.

ServarusRM services includes on-site risk assessments, a HUD compliant web-based incident tracking tool (ERMA) & mock surveys.

SEVERITY	SCOPE		
	ISOLATED	PATTERN	WIDESPREAD
Immediate Jeopardy to resident health or safety	J	K	L
Actual harm that is not Immediate Jeopardy	G	H	I
No actual harm with potential for more than minimal harm that is not Immediate jeopardy	D	E	F
No actual harm with potential for minimal harm	A	B	C

* Substandard quality of care rating occurs when one or more deficiencies has a Scope & Severity level of **F, H, I, J, K or L** in one of the F-tag categories identified in **RED**.



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CORE ELEMENTS

- E 0001 Establishment of Emergency Program
- E 0004 Develop and Maintain Program

EMERGENCY PLAN

- E 0006 Maintain and Annual Emerg Preparedness Updates
- E 0007 EP Program Patient Population
- E 0009 Process for Emerg Preparedness Collaboration

PROTECTION

- E 0013 Development of EP Policies and Procedures
- E 0015 Subsistence Needs for Staff and Patients
- E 0018 Procedures for Tracking Staff and Patients
- E 0020 Policies and Procedures Incl Evacuation
- E 0022 Policies and Procedures for Sheltering
- E 0023 Policies and Procedures for Medical Documents
- E 0024 Policies and Procedures for Volunteers
- E 0025 Arrangement with Other Facilities
- E 0026 Roles under a Waiver Declared by Secretary

COMMUNICATION PLAN

- E 0029 Development of Communication Plan
- E 0030 Names and Contact Information
- E 0031 Emergency Officials Contact Information
- E 0032 Primary/Alternate Means for Communication
- E 0033 Methods for Sharing Information
- E 0034 Sharing Information on Occupancy/Needs
- E 0035 Family Notifications

TESTING AND TRAINING

- E 0036 Emergency Prep Training and Testing
- E 0037 Emergency Prep Training Program
- E 0039 Emergency Prep Testing Requirements

SYSTEMS

- E 0041 Emergency Power Systems
- E 0042 Integrated Health Systems