



# Home Health Quality Initiative

## Role of the State Survey Agencies

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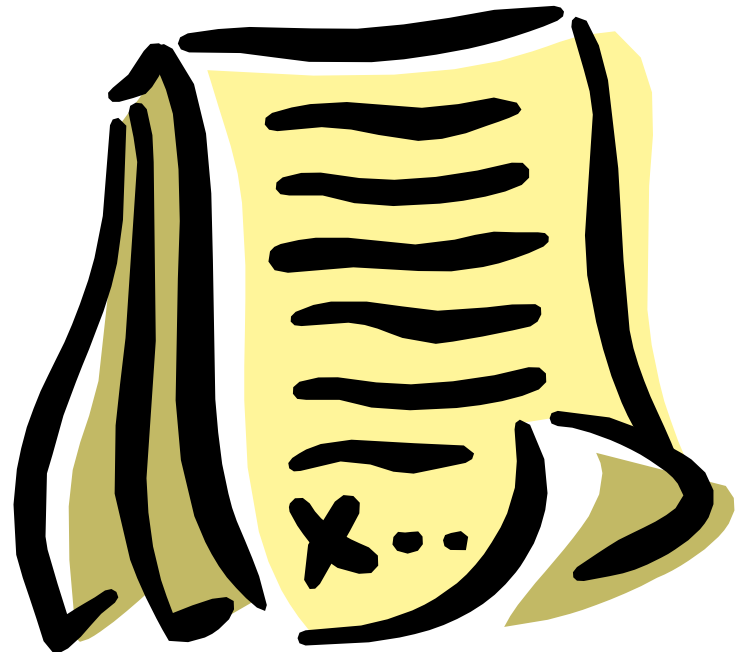
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# Reasons for a Roles Paper

- Clarifies roles and responsibilities
- Learned from the experience with the Nursing Home Quality Initiative
- Guideline for action





# Role of SSAs in HHQI

- Participate as a stakeholder.
- Share information with QIOs about key individuals & organizations in the state working on QI in HHAs.
- Share materials and information with QIOs that may help them in identifying & providing assistance to HHAs.
- Continue inspection & enforcement around regulatory standards.



# Role of SSAs in HHQI

- SSAs and QIOs are encouraged to communicate regularly on all initiative-related activities.
- Provide input to assist in evaluation of the effectiveness of various processes & policies.
- SSAs are not expected to train QIOs on home health care, the regulations, the survey process, the OASIS, the data system etc.



# CMS/SSA Role

- CMS is not backing away from regulatory responsibilities (inspection & enforcement).
- SSAs are to perform all survey & certification activities irrespective of a facility's QMs or whether the facility is working with a QIO.
- HHA Surveys are Tier 1; Work with the QIOs in Quality Initiatives is Tier 2 per Budget Call Letter for FY 2003.



## In Closing

- We all have a role to play. Get to know each other.
- Important to share, collaborate where we can, keep each other informed of QI activities.
- We all want the same thing – the best quality of care for beneficiaries, and our loved ones being served by HHAs, ...





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