

CMS Interim Final Rule Announcement - as of Dec. 2, 2021

On December 2, CMS issued a <u>Memorandum</u> announcing that surveys and enforcement of the vaccine requirement for Health Care staff in Medicare- and Medicaid-certified providers and suppliers is suspended while court ordered injunctions are in effect. Please review and share this information with colleagues immediately.

In addition, on December 2, the Pennsylvania DHS commented as follows for when the court proceedings for the interim final rule are determined:

- Further guidance from CMS regarding the Department's responsibilities, if any,
 related to enforcement requirements is not available at this time. Providers should
 independently review the applicability of the interim final rule to their organization to
 review their issued license(s), their corporate/business structure, and, as needed,
 directly consult with Federal officials as needed.
- The Department is waiting on guidance from CMS regarding state's roles related to enforcement requirements.

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