

# MEMORANDUM

Texas Department of Human Services \* Long Term Care/Policy

**TO:** LTC-R Regional Directors  
Section/Unit Managers

**FROM:** Marc Gold  
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**SUBJECT:** Regional Survey & Certification Letter #00-11

**DATE:** May 15, 2000

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The attached RS&C Letter is being provided to you for information purposes and should be shared with all professional staff.

- RS&C Letter No. 00-11 -- State Operations Manual (SOM) revisions related to nurse aide training competency and evaluation and competency evaluation programs; Call Mary Calvin, Credentialing Department, Office of Program Integrity, at (512) 231-5800.

If you have any questions, please direct inquiries to the individuals or sections listed above.

~Original Signature on File~

Marc Gold

Attachment

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REGIONAL SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION LETTER NO: 00-11

To: All State Survey Agencies (Action)  
All Title XIX Single State Agencies (Information)

Subject: State Operations Manual (SOM) revisions related to nurse aide training competency and evaluation and competency evaluation programs

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

The purpose of the letter is to ensure that all State Survey Agencies have received updated instructions (Transmittal No. 14) related to the approval, disapproval, and waiver of nurse aide training and competency evaluation and competency evaluation programs. The manual revisions are based on statutory changes to Section 1819 and 1919 of the Social Security Act and Public Law 105-15.

All revisions are identified by a line beside the paragraph and the print type is lighter in color.

The most noteworthy change in this SOM revision is 4132.1.E, Waiver of Program Prohibition on pg. 4-30. We recognize that each State may have already developed procedures to address the approval of this waiver. However, manual instructions to implement this change were delayed.

If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Bennett at 214/767-4406 or Dan McElroy at 214/767-2077.

Sincerely,

~Signature on File~

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