

MEMORANDUM

Texas Department of Human Services * Long Term Care/Policy

TO: Long Term Care -Regulatory
Regional Directors, State Office Section Managers and
HCSSA Program Administrators

FROM: Marc Gold, Director
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State Office MC: W-519

SUBJECT: Regional Survey & Certification Letter #01-20

DATE: January 2, 2002

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. 01-20 -- QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE NEW HCFA-855(A) and (B) APPLICATIONS. Please direct inquiries to Facility Enrollment, LTC-R, at (512) 438-2630.

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

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Marc Gold

Attachment



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REGIONAL SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION LETTER NO: 01-20

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

Subject: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON THE NEW HCFA-855(A) and (B) APPLICATIONS

The purpose of this letter is to provide State Survey Agencies a list of responses to questions which have been forwarded to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Question 1: The instructions state that for a chow/merger the old and new owners need to complete an 855 application. Are both of these applications entered into a database for tracking purposes (CROWD)? Are both 855 applications going to be considered a new application? In our instructions it says that the old owners application will be considered a change of information, which implies that it should be entered as a new application.

Answer: The 855 from the old owner is considered a change. The 855 from the new owner is considered a new application.

Question 2: In the instructions it states that two copies of the sales agreement will be needed from each provider in the sale. Is there a reason we need two from each provider? I am assuming they will be the same and we will end up with four copies of the agreement.

Answer: We need extra copies of the sales agreement to be able to give them to the State Agency with the 855. When we send the 855, the sales agreement should be attached. Clarification will be made in the manual.

Sincerely,

~Signature on File~

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