MEMORANDUM
Texas Department of Human Services

TO: Long Term Care-Regulatory
Regional Directors and State Office Managers

FROM: Jeanoyce Wilson, Unit Manager
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SUBJECT: Federal Survey and Certification (S&C) Letter No. 04-12

DATE: December 31, 2003

The referenced federal S&C Letter was issued by the Centers for Medicare and
Medicaid Services (CMS). This letter is being provided to you for information purposes
and should be shared with all professional staff.

- Federal S&C Letter No. 04-12 – Home Health Agencies (HHAs): The Collection
  and Transmission of the Outcome and Assessment Information Set (OASIS)
  Data for Private Pay Patients (non-Medicare/non-Medicaid)

Please be advised that a December 11, 2003 e-mail from CMS headquarters defines
private pay patients as follows:

“…any patient for whom (MO150) the Current Payment Source for Home Care is not
response:
1 – Medicare (Traditional fee-for-service)
2 – Medicare (HMO/managed care)
3 – Medicaid (Traditional fee-for-service)
4 – Medicaid (HMO/managed care)

If a patient has a private pay insurance and M150 response 1, 2, 3 or 4 as an
insurance to whom the agency is billing the services, the comprehensive
assessment, including OASIS must be collected and transmitted.

The term, Medicare (HMO/managed care) does include Medicare + Choice (M+C)
plans and Medicare PPO plans. “

As the new procedure outlined in S&C 04-12 is implemented, CMS will be compiling
“Questions and Answers” related to the change in policy. The “Q&A's” will be provided
to state OASIS Education Coordinators for dissemination to state survey and
certification staff.
If you have any questions about this subject, please contact one of the LTC-R OASIS Coordinators: Charlotte Unger, BS, MT (ASCP), at (512) 438-2210; Beverly Plummer, RN, at (806) 791-7565; Marilyn Fielding, RN, BSN, MS, CDE, at (903) 533-4304 or call the OASIS Help Desk at (512) 438-4122.

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