

SEC. 6102. ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES AND NURSING FACILITIES.

Part A of title XI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1301 et seq.), as amended by sections 6002 and 6004, is amended by inserting after section 1128H the following new section:

SEC. 1128I. ACCOUNTABILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR FACILITIES.

(a) Definition of Facility- In this section, the term `facility' means—

- (1) a skilled nursing facility (as defined in section 1819(a)); or
- (2) a nursing facility (as defined in section 1919(a)).

(c) Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Program-

- (1) IN GENERAL- Not later than December 31, 2011, the Secretary shall establish and implement a quality assurance and performance improvement program (in this subparagraph referred to as the `QAPI program') for facilities, including multi unit chains of facilities. Under the QAPI program, the Secretary shall establish standards relating to quality assurance and performance improvement with respect to facilities and provide technical assistance to facilities on the development of best practices in order to meet such standards. Not later than 1 year after the date on which the regulations are promulgated under paragraph (2), a facility must submit to the Secretary a plan for the facility to meet such standards and implement such best practices, including how to coordinate the implementation of such plan with quality assessment and assurance activities conducted under sections 1819(b)(1)(B) and 1919(b)(1)(B), as applicable.
- (2) REGULATIONS- The Secretary shall promulgate regulations to carry out this subsection.