

Center for Medicaid and State Operations/Survey and Certification Group

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TO: Survey and Certification Regional Office Management (G-5)
 State Agency Survey Directors

FROM: Acting Director
 Survey and Certification Group

SUBJECT: Comparative Surveys for Fiscal Year 2004

The purpose of this memorandum is to communicate that the number of Comparative Surveys required for fiscal year 2004 will be the same as last year. As in the past, at least two Comparative Surveys per state should be conducted in fiscal year 2004.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact Dawn Hawkins Johnson at (410) 786-1117 or dhawkinsjohnson@cms.hhs.gov

Effective Date: October 1, 2003.

Training: The information contained in this announcement should be shared with all survey and certification staff, their managers and the state/RO training coordinator.

/s/
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