

UHPCO's Proposal to Mitigate the New Hospice CoPs with SNFs/UHCA

1. Standardize the required elements so both industries understand how to comply:
 - Standard list of Form's provided by the Hospice agency and the facility.
 - Standard required phrases in the contracts. All Hospice/Skilled Facility contracts will need to be re-signed by December 08.
 - Standard training including the required elements of Hospice that will be integrated into the facilities orientation and training of staff and verified by a written certificate to the Hospice.
2. Develop a coordination group with representatives from both sides to help achieve these goals.
3. Work with survey and certification to clear all agreed upon contract verbiage, trainings and compliance plans before being adopted by both industries. Work towards minimizing dual tag deficiencies-one to the Hospice and one to the facility.

December 2, 2008 is our new CoP deadline.

These same standards or regulations in Hospice will be part of the SNF regulation when their new CoPs come out in one year to 18 months.