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## **CMS Issues Survey and Certification Letters**

ABSTRACT: CMS has issued three S&C letters regarding long-term care.

CMS has issued Survey and Certification letters on a [national background check](#) program, Special Focus Facilities ([SFF](#)) and the impact of the nursing shortage on [hospice care](#). New York, has so far, indicated that it will not participate in the Federal background check program. The S&C letter on SFF describes the changes in the computation of the candidate list and the enhance enforcement. The S&C letter on the nursing shortage in hospices continues the exemption allowing hospices to contract for nurses. Please contact [efrost@nyahsa.org](mailto:efrost@nyahsa.org) with any questions.

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