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## **Release of Statement of Deficiencies by State Agencies**

ABSTRACT: CMS issues guidance on the release of survey findings.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services issued *Survey and Certification Letter S&C-09-34* reiterating current law and regulations on the release of survey findings. CMS states that disclosure of survey findings for nursing homes is to be made within fourteen calendar days after the information is made available to facilities. The letter is available from the following link:

[http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/downloads/SCLetter09\\_34.pdf](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/downloads/SCLetter09_34.pdf).

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