CMS web sites

Survey & Certification (S&C) Letters

S&C letters are issued periodically. Life Safety Code (LSC) related S&C letters often end with "LSC". Can be change in policy, regulations or LSC clarifications.

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Policy-and-Memos-to-States-and-Regions.html

Example: 2012 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code adoption S&C 16-29-LSC

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Policy-and-Memos-to-States-and-Regions-Items/Survey-and-Cert-Letter-16-29.html?DLPage=5&DLEntries=10&DLSort=3&DLSortDir=descending

There is a download box near the bottom of the screen where the letters can be downloaded and saved.

Surveyor Training

- Surveyor Training, the training site for CMS and State surveyors. Select "I am a Provider" then web-based training in the blue bar near the top of the screen.
https://surveyortraining.cms.hhs.gov/index.aspx

State Operation Manual (SOM)

- CMS guidance to state agencies for for conducting Surveys. Appendix I is the SOM for LSC surveys.
https://www.cms.gov/Regulations-and-Guidance/Guidance/Manuals/downloads/som107ap_i_lsc.pdf

Survey Forms

- CMS 2786R for Nursing Home LSC surveys with the new K tag numbers.
https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/downloads/cms2786R.pdf

National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) http://www.nfpa.org

- NFPA makes codes and standards available for free online.

http://www.nfpa.org/codes-and-standards/resources/free-access

Emergency Preparedness

- S&C 17-29-ALL, https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Downloads/Survey-and-Cert-Letter-17-29.pdf
- Emergency Preparedness Regulation Guidance
https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Downloads/Survey-and-Cert-Letter-17-29.pdf
- Training is also available at the above web site. Select "I am a Provider".
https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertEmergPrep/Downloads/CMS-Online-Training-for-Emergency-Preparedness.pdf