

Immediate Jeopardy Template

Survey teams must use the Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) Template to document evidence of each component of IJ; and if IJ is confirmed, the IJ Template will be used to convey information to the entity. Any information presented on this template is subject to change and does not reflect an official finding against a Medicare provider or supplier. Form CMS-2567 is the only form that contains official survey findings.

Instructions: The survey team must use evidence gathered from observations, interviews, and record reviews to carefully consider each component of IJ outlined in the left-hand column of this template. In order for IJ to exist, the survey team must answer “Yes” to all three components and provide a preliminary fact analysis in the right hand column to support their determination. If IJ is confirmed by the survey team and SA Supervisor, provide this IJ Template to the entity and note the date and time that it was provided at the top of page 2. Use one IJ template for each tag being considered at IJ level.

For the purpose of completing this template, the following definitions apply:

Likely/Likelihood means the nature and/or extent of the identified noncompliance creates a reasonable expectation that an adverse outcome resulting in serious injury, harm, impairment, or death will occur if not corrected.

Noncompliance means failure to meet one or more federal health, safety, and/or quality regulations.

Recipient at Risk is a recipient who, as a result of noncompliance, and in consideration of the recipient’s physical, mental, psychosocial or health needs, and/or vulnerabilities, is likely to experience a serious adverse outcome.

Serious injury, serious harm, serious impairment or death are adverse outcomes which result in, or are likely to result in:

- death; or
- a significant decline in physical, mental, or psychosocial functioning, (that is not solely due to the normal progression of a disease or aging process); or
- loss of limb, or disfigurement; or
- avoidable pain that is excruciating, and more than transient; or
- other serious harm that creates life-threatening complications/conditions.

***NOTE: IJ does not require serious injury, harm, impairment or death to occur. It is sufficient that non-compliance makes serious injury, harm, impairment or death likely to occur to one or more recipients.**

Date/Time IJ Template provided to entity: _____

IJ Component	Yes/No	Preliminary fact analysis which demonstrates whether key component exists.
<p>Noncompliance: Has the entity failed to meet one or more federal health, safety, and/or quality regulations?</p> <p>If yes, in the blank space, identify the tag and briefly summarize the issues that lead to the determination that the entity is in noncompliance with the identified requirement. This includes the action(s), error(s), or lack of action, and the extent of the noncompliance (for example, number of cases). Use one IJ template for each tag being considered at IJ level.</p>	Yes/No	
AND		
<p>Serious injury, serious harm, serious impairment or death:</p> <p>Is there evidence that a serious adverse outcome occurred, or a serious adverse outcome is likely as a result of the identified noncompliance?</p> <p>If Yes, in the blank space, briefly summarize the serious adverse outcome, or likely serious adverse outcome to the recipient.</p>	Yes/No	
AND		
<p>Need for Immediate Action:</p> <p>Does the entity need to take immediate action to correct noncompliance that has caused or is likely to cause serious injury, serious harm, serious impairment, or death?</p> <p>If yes, in the blank space, briefly explain why.</p>	Yes/No	

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