



**Center for Clinical Standards and Quality /Survey & Certification Group**

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**TO:** State Survey Agency Directors

**FROM:** Director  
Survey and Certification Group

**SUBJECT:** Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) –Nomenclature Change (Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional (QIDP))

**Memorandum Summary**

- **Rosa’s Law:** The enactment of Rosa’s Law on October 5, 2010 changed all references to “mental retardation” in Federal law to “intellectual disability” and changed all references to a “mentally retarded individual” to “an individual with an intellectual disability.” These changes were codified in regulation by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) on May 16, 2012.
- **Revised Nomenclature for Qualified Mental Retardation Professional (QMRP):** Pursuant to these regulatory changes, previous nomenclature for a QMRP, as referenced at 42 CFR 483.430(a), is changed to Qualified Intellectual Disabilities Professional (QIDP).

**Background**

Regulations at 42 CFR 483.430 (a) require that each client’s active treatment program must be integrated, coordinated and monitored by a qualified mental retardation professional and define the minimum qualifications for this position.

Rosa’s Law passed on October 5, 2010 mandated that all references to “mental retardation” in Federal laws must be replaced with the reference “intellectual disabilities” and all references to a “mentally retarded individual” must be replaced with the reference “individual with intellectual disabilities.” These statutory changes were codified in regulation by CMS on May 16, 2012.

**Nomenclature Change**

Pursuant to Rosa’s Law, the nomenclature for QMRP is changed to QIDP. Please ensure that all conversations, correspondence, and statements of deficiency use the correct nomenclature.

**Effective Date:** Immediately. This policy should be communicated to all survey and certification staff, their managers and the State/Regional Office training coordinators within 30 days of this memorandum.

/s/

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