

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: VERMONT

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

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Survey and Certification Education Program

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The State has in effect the following survey and certification periodic educational program for the staff and residents (and their representatives) of nursing facilities in order to present current regulations, procedures, and policies.

Vermont has held in-service educational programs routinely for nursing facilities since the early stages of implementation of OBRA. The educational program includes four in-service trainings per year.

During SFY 1992, the following in-service programs have been conducted:

- (1) a pair of in-services in November for all certified providers, including nursing facilities, on the Patient Self Determination Act.
- (2) a series of four in-services for all nursing facilities on the final long-term care regulations.
- (3) a three day conference, sponsored in conjunction with the Vermont Health Care Association, on care and treatment of residents with dementia.
- (4) a series of five in-services for all nursing facilities on MDS+ and care planning.

The Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman is invited to all in-service educational programs. We believe this offers the best opportunity for residents to be informed, since Vermont has an active Ombudsman Program.

Finally, the Division of Licensing & Protection is instituting a periodic educational newsletter which will be sent to all providers and Resident Councils in the nursing facilities to update them on current regulations, procedures, and policies.

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