19 CSR 30-82.080 Nursing Facility Quality of Care Improvement Program

PURPOSE: This rule explains the requirements for receiving funding from the Nursing Facility Quality of Care (NFQC) Fund to improve the quality of service the facility provides to its residents.

(A) Qualified facilities may submit a written request to the department for funds from the Nursing Facility Quality of Care (NFQC) Fund to pay for QIPMO assistance and support. The department will provide a written response to the qualified facility's request approving or disapproving the use of NFQC funding for QIPMO assistance. In the absence of extraordinary circumstances, a qualified facility shall receive no more than one thousand dollars ($1,000) per request. A qualified facility which wishes to receive more than one thousand dollars ($1,000) per request must separately justify reimbursement in excess of one thousand dollars ($1,000) by setting forth the extraordinary circumstances justifying reimbursement in excess of one thousand dollars ($1,000). The department may, in its sole discretion, approve reimbursement in excess of one thousand dollars ($1,000).

(B) Qualified facilities may also submit to the department proposals describing implementation of a quality improvement program, in lieu of the QIPMO Program. Such proposals shall address areas of noncompliance that have been cited in the notice of noncompliance issued in the past twelve (12) months. Upon approval of the proposal by the department, the department may use funds in the NFQC Fund that have been collected from state civil money penalties to fund the qualified facility's proposal. In the absence of extraordinary circumstances, a qualified facility shall receive no more than one thousand dollars ($1,000) per proposal. A qualified facility which wishes to receive more than one thousand dollars ($1,000) per proposal must separately justify reimbursement in excess of one thousand dollars ($1,000) by setting forth the extraordinary circumstances justifying reimbursement in excess of one thousand dollars ($1,000). The department may, in its sole discretion, approve reimbursement in excess of one thousand dollars ($1,000).

(C) The department may impose upon a qualified facility a directed plan of correction, as set forth in section 198.066, RSMo, which includes QIPMO consultation. Funding for the QIPMO consultation may be taken from the NFQC Fund, not to exceed one thousand dollars ($1,000), unless the department, in its sole discretion, determines reimbursement in excess of one thousand dollars ($1,000) is justified by extraordinary circumstances.

(3) The qualified facility will submit to the department the paid invoice(s) for the QIPMO consultation or other quality improvement program. The department will reimburse the qualified facility for the amount granted.