

## Medicare/Medicaid: New Regulations For Collection Of Civil Monetary Penalties.

On March 18, 2011 the US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced new regulations to modify the process for imposing and collecting civil monetary penalties from skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities found guilty by state or Federal inspectors of noncompliance with Federal patient-care standards.

The new regulations, first proposed in July 2010, are now in final form and will take effect January 1, 2012.

The new regulations are meant to implement one of CMS's new regulatory responsibilities set out in the new health care reform bill.

CMS's March 18, 2011 announcement from the Federal Register is on our website at <http://www.nursinglaw.com/CMS031811.pdf>

The new regulations themselves begin on Federal Register page 15126.

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