

## **BACKGROUND**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) collects Civil Money Penalties (CMP) from nursing facilities that have not maintained compliance with federal nursing home requirements. CMS distributes those funds to the state to be applied to the protection of the health or property of residents in nursing facilities. The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act provides CMS the authority to approve the use of CMP funds. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) recommends projects for funding to CMS that are designed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of nursing home residents and improve their quality of life and care.

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION INFORMATION**

- Project proposals should be submitted by completing the Civil Money Penalty Funds Project Proposal (DQA form F-00176), available at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/forms/f0/f00176.docx
- Proposals are accepted during the following periods: January 1 through April 30 and July 1 through October 31. Form F-00176 includes information regarding the review process.
- Submit the completed *Civil Money Penalty Funds Project Proposal* (F-00176) electronically to dhswebmaildqa@wisconsin.gov.

## **ELIGIBILITY**

Must be an organization involved in the promotion of quality of care with licensed Wisconsin nursing homes. Civil money penalty funds cannot be used to support initiatives in other health care settings.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Nursing Home Grant Program Introduction www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/regulations/qai/introduction.htm (webpages)
- Nursing Home Grant Program brochure (DQA publication P-00422) www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p0/p00422.pdf (pdf)
- DQA Memo 15-014, Invitation to Nursing Homes and Nursing Home Stakeholders to Apply for Grants for Use of Civil Money Penalty (CMP) Funds www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/dqa/memos/15-014.pdf (pdf)
- CMS Survey and Certification Memo 12-13-NH
  <u>www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-</u>
  <u>Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Downloads/SCLetter12\_13.pdf</u> (pdf)