

If the survey investigation reveals that there are concerns with the qualifications or competencies of:

- Activities professionals refer to F679, §483.24(c)(2);
- Nursing Staff refer to F726, §483.35;
- Any staff caring for residents with dementia or a history of trauma and/or post-traumatic stress disorder refer to F741, §483.40;
- Food and Nutrition staff refer to F801, §483.60(a);
- Individuals providing Specialized rehabilitative services refer to F826, §483.65(b);
- Social Workers refer to F850, §483.70(o);

NOTE: Only cite F839 for any staff not referenced above or if any professional staff is not licensed, certified, or registered in accordance with applicable State laws. This includes any physician or practitioner including the Medical director that does not hold a valid license to practice in the State where the Nursing Home is located.

If a facility has not designated a physician to serve as a Medical Director refer that citation under F841.

F840

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§483.70(f) Use of outside resources.

§483.70(f)(1) If the facility does not employ a qualified professional person to furnish a specific service to be provided by the facility, the facility must have that service furnished to residents by a person or agency outside the facility under an arrangement described in section 1861(w) of the Act or (with respect to services furnished to NF residents and dental services furnished to SNF residents) an agreement described in paragraph (g)(2) of this section.

§483.70(f)(2) Arrangements as described in section 1861(w) of the Act or agreements pertaining to services furnished by outside resources must specify in writing that the facility assumes responsibility for—

- (i) Obtaining services that meet professional standards and principles that apply to professionals providing services in such a facility; and**
- (ii) The timeliness of the services.**

DEFINITIONS §483.70(f)

“Timeliness” means that services are completed and results are provided within the timeframe(s) specified in accordance with facility policies and procedures, the medical orders, or professional standards of practice; and that facility staff notifies the resident’s