

FSSA's Response to the Comment Received at the Public Hearing for LSA #10-65, the NSGO QAF Rule Amendment

Below is a summary of the comment received during the public hearing on September 21, 2010, as well as the agency's response.

Comment:

One comment was received from Nancy E. Griffin, Board Chairperson of the United Senior Action Foundation (USAF). In addition to an oral statement, she provided a letter as well. Her comments make reference to her letter, which provides recommendations for the closure and conversion fund.

Specifically, the letter recommends that 50% of the closure and conversion fund be used for new construction that meets criteria for Green Houses and which establishes an Indiana brain injury provider utilizing a campus setting only. She further recommends that a minimum of 25% of the closure and conversion fund be designated for conversion into other community services. She recommends no more than 25% of the fund be used for closing facilities. Additionally, the letter provides recommendations for the closure and conversion requirements as well as recommendations for closure and conversion points.

Response:

The non-State Government Owned (NSGO) rule amendment, LSA 10-65, amends the quality assessment fee for nursing facilities that became NSGO's on or after July 1, 2003 from \$2.50 to \$10.00 per non-Medicare day. The comment submitted at the public hearing makes no reference to this change, but instead makes recommendations on for the closure and conversion fund. Therefore, after review and consideration of the comment, the OMPP will not make any changes to this rule amendment.