

STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State/Territory: South Dakota

ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Programs to Measure and Reduce Inconsistency

The State has in effect the following programs to measure and reduce inconsistency in the application of survey results among surveyors.

The Licensure and Certification Program seeks to reduce inconsistency in the application of survey results among surveyors by the following manner:

(a) Inservice programs for all Program staff members are held at least twice a year. The major portion of the programs relate to the regulatory process including surveys. Program policy is developed at this time also.

(b) A thorough review of every statement of findings discovered during the course of scheduled and unscheduled surveys is conducted by advisory staff of the Program. When the review results in a revision of a deficiency statement, the surveyor who cited the deficiency is contacted. A final copy of the deficiency statements is made available to each surveyor for educational purposes.

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