

# OIG Issues Nursing Compliance Guidance

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The Department of Health and Human Services Office of the Inspector General (HHS-OIG) has published the *OIG Compliance Program Guidance for Nursing Facilities*. Published in the *Federal Register* on March 16, 2000, the document contains seven fundamental elements for an effective compliance program:

1. implementing written policies, procedures, and standards of conduct
2. designating a compliance officer and compliance committee
3. conducting an effective training and education
4. developing effective lines of communication
5. enforcing standards through well-publicized disciplinary guidelines
6. conducting internal monitoring and auditing
7. responding promptly to detected offenses and developing corrective action

According to the HHS-OIG, the compliance guidance is "intended to assist nursing facilities develop and implement internal controls and procedures that promote adherence to applicable statutes and regulations of the Federal healthcare programs and private insurance program requirements."

This and other compliance program guidance documents can be found on the HHS-OIG web page at <http://www.hhs.gov/progorg/oig>.

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