

## **DHS 132.16 Quality assurance and improvement projects**

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FUNDS. Pursuant to ss. 49.499(2m) and 50.04(8), Stats., the department may, from the appropriation under s. 20.435(6) (g), Stats., distribute funds for innovative projects designed to protect the property and the health, safety, and welfare of residents in a facility and to improve the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the operation of a facility so as to improve the quality of life, care, and treatment of its residents.

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COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES. The quality assurance and improvement committee shall do all of the following: (a) Meet at least annually. (b) Develop and propose for the secretary's approval criteria for review and approval of projects proposed under this section. (c) Considering the criteria approved by the secretary under par. (b), review proposals submitted by facilities under this

section and approve submitted proposals, defer a determination pending additional information, or deny approval of proposals submitted. (d) Identify areas of need within a facility or corporation, the state or regions as projects to be addressed. (e) Develop opportunities and strategies for general improvement concerning licensed facilities. (f) Encourage proposals that develop innovative cost-effective methods for improving the operation and maintenance of facilities and that protect residents' rights, health, safety and welfare and improve residents' quality of life. (g) Disseminate within the department and to facilities and other interested individuals and organizations the information learned from approved projects. (h) Prepare an annual report to the secretary.

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A decision under sub. (3) (c) to defer or deny approval of or award funds for a proposal may not be appealed.