

R. 330.11005 Severity

Rule 11005. The level of severity of a deficiency shall be categorized by the department or by HCFA as 1 of the following:

(a)

"No actual harm with a potential for minimal harm." This level means that a deficiency has the potential for causing no more than a minor negative impact on the resident.

(b)

"No actual harm with a potential for more than minimal harm, but not immediate jeopardy." This level means noncompliance that results in minimal physical, mental, or psychosocial discomfort to the resident or has the potential to compromise the residents ability to maintain or reach his or her highest practicable physical, mental, or psychosocial well-being as defined by an accurate and comprehensive resident assessment, plan of care, and provision of services.

(c)

"Actual harm that is not immediate jeopardy." This level means noncompliance that results in a negative outcome that has compromised the residents ability to maintain or reach his or her highest practicable physical, mental, and psychosocial well-being as defined by an accurate and comprehensive resident assessment, plan of care, and provision of services.

(d)

"Immediate jeopardy to resident health or safety." This level means a situation in which immediate corrective action is necessary because the nursing facility's noncompliance with 1 or more requirements of participation has caused, or is likely to cause, serious injury, serious harm, impairment, or death to a resident receiving care in the facility.