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TO: ALL SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES/NURSING FACILITIES (SNF/NFs)
IN IDAHO

FROM: DEBBY RANSOM, R.N., R.H.I.T., Chief
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SUBJECT: **SURVEY AND CERTIFICATION LETTER #06-06**
THE USE OF FOREIGN ACQUIRED DRUGS IN LONG TERM CARE
FACILITIES

Survey and Certification Letter #06-06 regarding *The Use of Foreign Acquired Drugs in Long Term Care Facilities* was released by CMS on November 14, 2005. It asks all State Survey Agencies (SAs) to assess whether the facility is compliant with 42 CFR 483.60(a) which states: “a facility must provide pharmaceutical services (including procedures that assure the accurate acquiring, receiving, dispensing, and administering of all drugs and biologicals) to meet the needs of each resident.”

Survey and Certification Letter #06-06 can be found with this Informational Letter at our web site address <http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/site/3633/default.aspx> . Look for the document entitled “**2005-14 Survey & Certification Letter 06-06.**”

If you have any questions, please contact Loretta Todd, R.N., or Lorene Kayser, L.S.W., Q.M.R.P., in our offices at 208/334-6626.

[original signed by Debby Ransom & on file at the Bureau of Facility Standards]

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c: Idaho Health Care Association