



## Nursing Home Civil Money Penalty (CMO) Projects Frequently Asked Question.

**Question:** What are CMP Funds?

**Answer:** CMP stands for civil monetary penalty. These funds are collected by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) from nursing facilities (NFs), skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) and dually participating skilled nursing facilities (SNFs) that have failed to maintain compliance with federal requirements. A portion of the funds are returned to States for use in activities for the protection and benefit of nursing home residents.

**Question:** Who may apply for CMP funds?

**Answer:** States may contract with, or grant funds to, any entity permitted under State law provided the funds are used for CMS approved projects to protect or improve nursing home services for nursing home residents and the responsible receiving entity is:

- Qualified and capable of carrying out the intended project(s) or use(s);
- Not in any conflict-of-interest relationship with the entity(ies) who will benefit from the intended project(s) or use(s);
- Not a recipient of a contract or grant or other payment from federal or state sources for the same project(s) or use(s).
- Not paid by a state or federal source to perform the same function as the CMP project(s) or use(s). CMP funds may not be used to enlarge or enhance an existing appropriation or statutory purpose that is substantially the same as the intended project(s) or use(s).

**Question:** Are there prohibited uses?

**Answer:** Yes. Please see the examples of prohibited uses in the [Survey and Certification memo 12-13-NH](#).

**Question:** Is there an open enrollment period

**Answer:** No. South Carolina accepts CMP proposals all year round.

**Question:** How long can a project be?

**Answer:** There is no minimum requirement; however, projects cannot exceed three years.

**Question:** Is there an approval process?

**Answer:** Yes. The application and supporting documents must be reviewed by the Agency for initial compliance with CMS criteria. Then the application, supporting documentation and the Agency's recommendation will be forwarded to CMS for a final decision. CMS will provide feedback within 45 calendar days of receipt.

**Question:** How should the CMP application be submitted?

**Answer:** The application shall be submitted electronically to [CMPFunds@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:CMPFunds@dhec.sc.gov).

**Question:** Who should I contact if I have additional Questions?

**Answer:** Please contact Haleigh Reavis, Healthcare Quality, by phone 803-545-4205 or [CMPFunds@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:CMPFunds@dhec.sc.gov).

**Question:** Who is the director of Healthcare Quality

**Answer:** The State Agency Director for Healthcare Quality is Angie Smith.