Sanctions for Psychiatric Hospitals

(a) The State assures that the requirements of section 1902(y)(1), section 1902(y)(2)(A), and section 1902(y)(3) of the Act are met concerning sanctions for psychiatric hospitals that do not meet the requirements of participation when the hospital's deficiencies immediately jeopardize the health and safety of its patients or do not immediately jeopardize the health and safety of its patients.

(b) The State terminates the hospital's participation under the State plan when the State determines that the hospital does not meet the requirements for a psychiatric hospital and further finds that the hospital's deficiencies immediately jeopardize the health and safety of its patients.

(c) When the State determines that the hospital does not meet the requirements for a psychiatric hospital and further finds that the hospital's deficiencies do not immediately jeopardize the health and safety of its patients, the State may:

1. terminate the hospital's participation under the State plan; or

2. provide that no payment will be made under the State plan with respect to any individual admitted to such hospital after the effective date of the finding; or

3. terminate the hospital's participation under the State plan and provide that no payment will be made under the State plan with respect to any individual admitted to such hospital after the effective date of the finding.

(d) When the psychiatric hospital described in (c) above has not complied with the requirements for a psychiatric hospital within 3 months after the date the hospital is found to be out of compliance with such requirements, the State shall provide that no payment will be made under the State plan with respect to any individual admitted to such hospital after the end of such 3-month period.
Sanctions for MCOs and PCCMs

(a) The State will maintain a monitoring plan and will monitor for violations that involve the actions and failure to act specified in 42 CFR Part 438 Subpart I and to implement the provisions in 42 CFR 438 Subpart I, in manner specified below:

For each executed state Medicaid HMO contract with an MCO, the actions of the MCO will be monitored as specified in the State Monitoring Plan through on-site surveys, state desk reviews, enrollee and other complaints, financial status reports, and other sources as required by the state and at time intervals as specified in the contract. In accordance with the contract and the monitoring plan, monthly, quarterly, annual and biannual monitoring will be conducted to ensure that the contract is performed according to contract terms.

(b) The State uses the definition below of the threshold that would be met before an MCO is considered to have repeatedly committed violations of section 1903(m) and thus subject to imposition of temporary management:

Temporary management is imposed only if the state finds (through on-site survey, enrollee complaints, financial audits, or any other means) the following:

There is continuous egregious behavior by the MCO, including but not limited to behavior that is described in 42 CFR 438.700, or that is contrary to any requirements of sections 1903(m) or 1932 of the Social Security Act; or

There is substantial risk to the enrollee’s health; or

The sanction is necessary to ensure the health of the MCO’s enrollees while improvements are made to remedy violations under 42 CFR 438.700; or until there is an orderly termination and reorganization of the MCO.

(c) The State’s contracts with MCOs provide that payments provided for under the contract will be denied for new enrollees when, and for so long as, payment for those enrollees is denied by CMS under 42 CFR 438.730(e).

Not applicable; the State does not contract with MCOs, or the State does not choose to impose intermediate sanctions on PCCMs.