
42 C.F.R. § 480.101

Scope and definitions.

(a) *Scope.* This subpart sets forth the policies and procedures governing—

- (1) Disclosure of information collected, acquired or generated by a Utilization and Quality Control Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) (or the review component of a QIO subcontractor) in performance of its responsibilities under the Act and these regulations; and
- (2) Acquisition and maintenance of information by a QIO to comply with its responsibilities under the Act.

(b) *Definitions.* As used in this part:

Abuse means any unlawful conduct relating to items or services for which payment is sought under Title XVIII of the Act.

Aggregate statistical data means any utilization, admission, discharge or diagnostic related group (DRG) data arrayed on a geographic, institutional or other basis in which the volume and frequency of services are shown without identifying any individual.

Confidential information means any of the following:

- (1) Information that explicitly or implicitly identifies an individual patient, practitioner or reviewer.

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