**Immediate Jeopardy Template**

\*This template is meant to assist surveyors in making a ***preliminary*** determination of Immediate Jeopardy (IJ). When complete, a copy may be given to the entity. Any information presented on this template is subject to change and does not reflect an official finding against a Medicare provider or supplier. Form CMS-2567 is the only form that contains official survey findings.

**Part 1 – Survey Team Determination of IJ – Instructions**: The survey team must use evidence gathered from observations, interviews, and record reviews to carefully consider each component of IJ outlined in the left-hand column of this template. In order for IJ to exist, the survey team must answer “Yes” to all three components and provide a preliminary fact analysis in the right hand column to support their determination.

For the purpose of completing this template, the following definitions apply:

**Serious injury, serious harm, serious impairment or death** are serious adverse outcomes which result in:

* A significant decline in physical, mental, or psychosocial function, or harm (that is not solely due to the normal progression of a disease or aging process), that is permanent or long-lasting; or
* Avoidable pain that is excruciating and more than transient; or
* Loss of limb, or disfigurement; or
* Life-threatening complications/conditions, or death.

**\*NOTE: IJ does not require serious injury, harm, impairment or death to occur. It is sufficient that non-compliance makes serious injury, harm, impairment or death likely to occur to one or more recipients.**

**Likely/Likelihood** means the nature and/or extent of the identified noncompliance creates a reasonable expectation that an adverse outcome resulting in serious injury, harm, impairment, or death will occur if not corrected.

**Recipient at Risk** is a recipient who, as a result of noncompliance, and in consideration of the recipient’s physical, mental, psychosocial or health needs, and/or vulnerabilities, is likely to experience a serious adverse outcome.

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| **IJ Component** | **Yes/No** | **Preliminary fact analysis which demonstrates whether key component exists.** |
| **Noncompliance** means failure to meet one or more federal health, safety, and/or quality regulations.  **Does this scenario contain evidence of noncompliance?** |  |  |
| **AND** | | |
| **Serious injury, serious harm, serious impairment or death** are adverse outcomes which result in:   * A significant decline in physical, mental, or psychosocial function, or harm (that is not solely due to the normal progression of a disease or aging process), that is permanent or long-lasting; or * Avoidable pain that is excruciating, and more than transient; or * Loss of limb, or disfigurement; or * Life-threatening complications/conditions, or death.     **Does this scenario contain evidence that there was a serious adverse outcome, or a serious adverse outcome is or was likely as a result of the noncompliance?** |  |  |
| **AND** | | |
| **Need for Immediate Action:** The noncompliance creates a need for immediate corrective action by the provider/supplier to prevent serious injury, serious harm, serious impairment or death from occurring or recurring.  **Does this scenario contain evidence that there was a need for immediate action by the provider/supplier to prevent the occurrence or reoccurrence of a serious adverse outcome?** |  |  |