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**Accreditation News**  
**Important Notice**

CMS has issued instructions to accrediting organizations reinforcing the requirement that all accreditation visits are to be “**unannounced.**” In addition, “**Blackout Dates**” **will no longer be permitted** to be honored when scheduling accreditation surveys. It is expected that all accredited organizations will always be survey ready. This change in accreditation organization policy must be effective **no later than July 14, 2023.**

In addition, complaints submitted to accreditation organizations will now be required to be investigated on-site, rather than through correspondence with the accredited organization.

**Please feel free to contact our office should you have any questions or require assistance.**

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