

ALABAMA QUALITY ASSURANCE FOUNDATION
Medical Peer Review

PRO GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 93/96-07

TO: ADMINISTRATORS AND CHIEFS OF STAFF - ALL ALABAMA HOSPITALS

**FROM: H. TERRELL LINDSEY
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

DATE: NOVEMBER 30, 1993

SUBJECT: PRO - HOSPITAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

- I. Section 1866 (a) (1) (F) of the Social Security Act, as amended, requires Hospitals to have an "Agreement " with the PRO as a requirement for Medicare participation. To fulfill this obligation, we have enclosed two copies of the **PRO - Hospital Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU)** on Medicare Review activities for the period of October 1, 1993 to October 1, 1996.
- II. This document is similar to the one developed by our Florida subsidiary, and presently in use by Florida Hospitals. Revised Sanction Protocol, as approved by HCFA is included at Attachment I to the MOU. We delayed forwarding the MOU until the revised Sanction Protocol was approved by our Board of Directors. A copy of the MOU has been forwarded to the Alabama Hospital Association (ALAHA) for review and comment.
- III. Please complete the Hospital specific information for Sections IX and XII on pages 10 and 11 of each MOU. Also, please be certain to complete Section V.E. if you want to designate a position other than the Hospital Administrator/CEO to receive PRO correspondence, including confidential medical review information. One fully executed copy of the MOU should be returned to the Foundation. The second copy and the Sanction Protocol Attachment is for your files. We are required to provide HCFA a list of those hospitals who have **not signed** the PRO - Hospital MOU upon request.
- IV. If you have questions regarding the MOU, please contact the Foundation directly. Your prompt return of an executed copy of this document will be appreciated.

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Enclosures (2)

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