

### 3. Special Reporting – Not Applicable

## N. Special Tests and Provisions

### Independent Peer Reviews

**Compliance Requirement** – The State must provide for independent peer reviews which assess the quality, appropriateness, and efficacy of treatment services provided to individuals. At least 5 percent of the entities providing services in the State shall be reviewed. The entities reviewed shall be representative of the entities providing the services (42 USC 300x-53(a)). States may satisfy the independent peer review requirement by demonstrating that at least 5 percent of their entities providing services obtained accreditation, during their fiscal year, from a private accreditation body such as the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, or a similar organization.

**Audit Objectives** – Determine whether (1) the required number of entities was peer reviewed, and (2) the selection of entities for peer review was representative of entities providing services in the State. If the peer review requirement is not met by reliance on a private accreditation body, determine if peer reviewers were independent.

### Suggested Audit Procedures

1. Ascertain the number of entities providing treatment services in the State.
2. Ascertain if the number of entities reviewed was at least 5 percent of the entities providing treatment services and whether the review requirement was satisfied by use of a private accreditation body.
3. Ascertain if the selection of entities for peer review was representative of entities providing services.
4. If the review requirement was not satisfied by use of a private accreditation body, select a sample of peer reviews and ascertain if the State ensured that the peer reviewers were independent.