

On October 23, 2023, AAAHC sent a communication to its accredited orgs re: the resumption of DOVS. Below are FAQs related to that communication.

Question	Response
1. Do all deemed status surveys require a validation survey?	No, all deemed status surveys do not require a validation survey. CMS randomly selects a small sample of deemed status renewal surveys for validation surveys.
2. Will I know if my ASC has been selected for a validation survey?	No, you will not know if your ASC has been selected for a validation survey. Validation surveys are unannounced.
3. If I have a validation survey, does this mean my ASC is undergoing two surveys?	No, the validation survey is not an additional survey of your ASC. <i>The validation surveys are evaluating AAAHC's survey process, ensuring AAAHC Surveyors assess compliance with the Medicare health, safety, and life safety requirements.</i>
4. What does the resumption mean for my ASC if my deemed status survey happened recently?	If your ASC completed its deemed status survey prior to October 2023, the resumption of validation surveys will not impact you at this time. Validation surveys are only occurring concurrent with deemed status surveys from October 2023 forward.
5. If my AAAHC deemed status survey happened a few weeks or months ago, will CMS come out and conduct another survey?	No, if your deemed status survey occurred prior to October 2023, CMS will not come out and conduct an additional validation survey. The current model for validation surveys is direct observation, so the validation survey must occur at the same time as the deemed status survey. Note: CMS and/or the State Agency may still come out at any time for complaint surveys.