001. **SCOPE AND AUTHORITY.** These regulations govern assessments levied against nursing facilities and skilled nursing facilities. The regulations implement provisions of the Nursing Facility Quality Assurance Assessment Act as set forth in Nebraska Revised Statute (Neb. Rev. Stat.) §§ 68-1901 to 68-1930.

002. **REDUCTION OF ASSESSMENT.** As permitted by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 68-1919, the two facilities with the highest volume of Medicaid residents shall pay a reduced quality assurance assessment of $1.98 per day.

003. **REFUND OF OVERPAYMENT OF ASSESSMENT.** A nursing facility or skilled nursing facility provider who has paid an amount in excess of the required assessment may request a refund. The nursing facility or skilled nursing facility provider must request the refund in writing to the Department and must identify the reason why the provider believes an overpayment has occurred and the estimated amount of the overpayment.

004. **APPEAL PROCESS.** Hearings shall be conducted per Nebraska Administrative Code (NAC) Title 465 Chapter 6.