



**NAC 449.99839 “Severity and scope score” defined.** (NRS 449.0302) “Severity and scope score” means the sum of the numerical levels of severity and scope assigned to a deficiency. (Added to NAC by Bd. of Health, eff. 8-1-91)

**Scope:** Assesses how widespread the deficiency is in the facility. There are three levels of scope:

- 1 - One or an isolated number of unrelated incidents, 0% to 20% of recipients are affected
- 2 - A pattern of incidents, more than 20% but not more than 50% of recipients are affected
- 3 - A widespread number of incidents, more than 50% of recipients are affected

**Severity:** Assesses how much harm may occur or has occurred to residents as a result of the deficiency. There are four levels of severity:

- 1 - No actual harm with potential for minimal harm: i.e.: missing documents. No more than a minor impact on the resident(s).
- 2 - Potential for harm: the health, safety, rights or well-being of a patient is indirectly threatened
- 3 - Minimal harm has occurred or is predictable: Minimal harm includes, an impact on patient health, safety, rights or well being
- 4 - Immediate Jeopardy to the resident’s health or safety: Death or serious harm has occurred. Serious harm includes, serious mental harm, impairment of bodily functions, dysfunction of any bodily organ or part, life-threatening harm or death. Facility practice establishes a reasonable degree of predictability of similar actions, situations, practices or incidents occurring in the future.

<b>SEVERITY</b>	Severity 4 <i>(serious harm)</i>	J	K	L
	Severity 3 <i>(minimal harm)</i>	G	H	I
	Severity 2 <i>(potential harm)</i>	D	E	F
	Severity 1 <i>(missing documents)</i>	A	B	C
		Scope 1 <i>(isolated)</i>	Scope 2 <i>(pattern)</i>	Scope 3 <i>(widespread)</i>
		<b>SCOPE</b>		