

Home Health and Hospice COVID-19 Call
08/20/2020 at 1:30 pm
Minutes

1. Welcome
2. Licensure
 - a. Applications continue to come in and we are processing in the order of receipt
 - b. Applications continue to be sent in incomplete for which we give a courtesy call as well as a letter telling what is missing and what still needs to be provided. Three items most likely missing from an application packet
 - Verification of administrator's license (currently waived by EO)
 - Verification of licensure for supervising and alternate supervising RN
 - Verification you are current/active with the SOC.
3. Nurse Practitioners/CNS/PAs order home care services and managing the plan of care remains a hot topic. These practitioners should:
 - a. Ensure enrollment in PECOS (Medicare Provider Enrollment, Chain and Ownership System);
 - b. If enrolled, are you enrolled as an individual provider or under another provider?
 - c. Annette Mays from the Oklahoma Association of Home Care and Hospice has been working with the Nurse Practitioner Association and in conjunction with the Home Care, Hospice and Palliative Care Advisory Council, is in the process of drafting 662 changes to revise State licensure (662) to allow NP/PA/CNS to order home care in Oklahoma. **Keep in mind this is an action that follows a formal process and requires legislative action.**
4. New CDC guidance updated 07/17/2020. If your COVID, Emergency Preparedness and Personnel policies are based on CDC Guidelines, you may want to review:
 - Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Disposition of Patients with COVID-19 in Health Care Settings
 - Duration of Isolation and Precautions for Adults with COVID-19
 - Links sent/being sent this week in the Provider/Supplier Information email
5. Letter and phone call from OKC Interim Fire Chief kindly asking that we stop telling hospice and home health families to call the fire department to pick-up, move or transfer home patients
 - They've had a significant increase in calls for transfer
 - Calls are being made from the same families as much as three times a day
 - Calls are putting a strain on resources needed to handle emergency calls
 - Calls are not due to an emergent cause (such as a fall/injury)
6. PPE. The OAHC is still assisting agencies to overcome their PPE needs. Visit their website: <https://oahc.com/page/PPEorderform>



7. Reoccurring questions this week were licensure questions and questions about NPs ability to order Home care (both already addressed).
8. Surveys: We are beginning to resume some regular surveying activity. Infection Control and Immediate Jeopardy are still priority. Our staff does come prepared with PPE when conducting the surveys.
9. Meeting Participation: We have seen a significant decline in participation of this meeting. We are considering a change to once a month in place of every other week. Information to come.
10. Questions-No questions this week.