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State Department of Health

**NF/SNF and ICF/IID LTC Provider Call; CMP Air Quality Project;
AHRQ Resources**

April 5, 2022

Save the Date! NF/SNF and ICF/IID LTC Provider Call

Date: Wednesday, April 20, 2022

Time: 1-2 p.m.

Intended Audience: Nursing/Skilled Nursing AND ICF/IID

Please Note: ICF/IID facilities should make plans to attend the 1 p.m. call.

Infection Control staff, and clinical staff responsible for implementing the guidance, are strongly encouraged to attend these calls.

(A separate notification will be sent to Non-Nursing Home facilities.)

Civil Monetary Penalty (CMP) Reinvestment Funding

The following applies to Medicare/Medicaid nursing homes.

CMP Visitation Assistance

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued guidance for Nursing Home Visitation – COVID-19. By adhering to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention, visitation can occur safely based on this guidance. To refer to the visitation guidance <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-39-nh-revised.pdf>

To assist nursing homes with visitation, CMS has approved the use of Civil Money Penalty (CMP) Reinvestment funds to provide nursing homes with in-person visitation

aids. **Examples of allowable uses of CMP Funds for in-person visitation aids includes:**

- Tents including installation (purchase and/or rental).
- Clear dividers (e.g., plexiglass or similar product) including installation.
- Portable fans, portable air cleaners with high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA, H-13 or H-14) filters to increase or improve air quality.
- Excluded: replacement filters.

Projects must:

- Directly address the need to facilitate in-person visits for residents.
- Fall within the following parameters for use of funds:
 - Funds must only be used to purchase the types of visitation aids described above.
 - Tent size must allow for social distancing to be observed.
 - Maximum allowance of \$1,500 per facility for tents, clear dividers.
 - Maximum allowance of \$2,500 per facility for portable fans, portable air cleaners with HEPA H-13 or H-14 filters.
- Ensure appropriate LSC requirements found at 42 CFR 483.90 are met, unless waived under the PHE declaration.
- Ensure core principles of infection prevention and control practices. Surfaces must be cleaned and disinfected between resident use. Review the EPA's List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2 to determine if the disinfectant identified in the manufacturer's instructions meet EPA's criteria.
- Work with state officials to determine the appropriate level of visitation restrictions within available guidelines from the CDC (e.g., limiting the number of individuals visiting with anyone resident).

For further information and details on the application process review the following documents:

[COVID-19 In-Person Visitation Application](#)

[COVID-19 Applications and Payment Checklist](#)

[COVID-19 In-Person Visitation Application FAQ](#)

[In-Person Visitation Aids Safety Guidelines](#)

Do you have CMP questions?

Contact the QIES Help Desk at (405) 426-8160 or CMP@health.ok.gov

AHRQ Best Practices Resources

Three [new online resources](#) from AHRQ are available to help nursing homes adopt best practices aimed at controlling and preventing infection and improving the emotional well-being of staff and residents:

- [Best Practices Guide for COVID-19 Infection Control and Prevention in Nursing Homes](#) highlights guidance related to screening and monitoring, testing and responding, and quarantine and isolation.
- [Best Practices for Promoting Mental Health and Emotional Well-Being Among Nursing Home Staff](#) offers examples of how administrators can take action aimed at making emotional well-being part of nursing home culture.
- [Best Practices for Promoting Emotional Well-Being in Nursing Home Residents](#) provides guidance to nursing home leaders and staff about engaging residents and reducing isolation while maintaining necessary infection control and prevention practices.

These resources were developed via AHRQ's [Nursing Home COVID-19 Action Network](#).

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