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New LTC Director; Long-Term Care Facilities Provider Call; CMS QSO-20-41-ALL Revised Guidance

June 22, 2021

Meet OSDH New LTC Director!

We are excited to introduce and welcome Ms. Janene Stewart to our team! Ms. Stewart recently joined OSDH as Long Term Care Services new Director and brings valuable prior experience in multiple facets of the healthcare industry, including patient care, strategic initiatives, management, and customer service. Ms. Stewart is a licensed nurse and also holds a MBA from Southern Nazarene University.

Ms. Stewart's favorite quote is, "Don't be afraid of change. Be afraid of not changing."

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Stewart!

SAVE THE DATE! Long-Term Care Provider Call

Date: June 30, 2021

Time: 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Intended Audience: Non-Nursing Home facility types including Assisted Living, Adult Day Care, ICF-IID and Residential Care

(Note: A separate notification will be sent to Nursing/Skilled Nursing Facilities)

To access the correct call:

- **Identify your designated audience**.
- For Non-Nursing Home facilities click **here** to easily access the call.

During the meeting you will be able to submit questions via the Q&A feature.

If you are a Residential Care, Assisted Living, Adult Day Care, or ICF-IID facility please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone by clicking **here** **(preferred method).**

To join by phone:

+1 405-898-0717 United States, Oklahoma City (Toll)

Conference ID: 316 369 789#

We encourage everyone to access the training via the link as this will allow as many participants to attend as possible.

CMS QSO-20-41-ALL Revised Guidance: Emergency Preparedness—Exercise Exemption

On June 21, 2021, CMS issued revised QSO-20-41-All Memo to reflect the testing exemption of an inpatient facility's Emergency Preparedness Plan during or after an actual emergency.

CMS recognizes many facilities are still operating under disaster/emergency conditions during the PHE, i.e., under an activated emergency plan. We are therefore providing additional guidance for inpatient providers/suppliers, consistent with the exemption authorized by the Emergency Preparedness (EP) regulations.

CMS regulations for Emergency Preparedness (EP) require facilities to conduct exercises to test the facility's EP plan to ensure that it works and that staff are trained appropriately about their roles and the facility's processes. During or after an actual emergency, the regulations allow for a one-year exemption from the requirement that the facility perform testing exercises.

The updated guidance only applies if a facility is still currently operating under its activated emergency plan. Facilities which have resumed normal operating status (not under their activated emergency plans) and were exempted from a full-scale exercise for its 2020 cycle, must conduct a full-scale exercise or an individual facility-based exercise for its next cycle.

Read the entire revised QSO-20-41-ALL guidance for complete information.

Long Term Care Questions? We have a new phone number!
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