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LTC Provider Call and CMS News

July 29, 2020

Reminder! LTC COVID-19 CALL TODAY, Wednesday July 29th, 2020

The Oklahoma State Department of Health, Regulation, Prevention and Preparedness will be hosting a COVID-19 conference call on **Today, July 29th, from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM.**

The conference call will include information and discussion of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 including current guidance, best practices and questions and answer. The conference call is open to Owners, Operators, Administrator and Executive Staff of Nursing Homes, Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities, Continuum of Care Facilities, Assisted Living Centers, Residential Care Homes and Adult Day Care Centers.

You can access the agenda here.

Wednesday, July 29th, 2020
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Access Information
USA Toll-Free: 888-363-4735
Access Code: 1177868

CMS Point-of Care-Testing

The following information applies to Nursing and Skilled Nursing facilities.

CMS indicated on July 14th that Point-of-Care COVID testing devices will be distributed to all nursing homes. The initial shipment of the devices have been sent out and the list of nursing homes who received them is posted on the Centers for Medicare &

Medicaid Services (CMS) COVID NHSN data page and will be updated as new shipments are distributed.

Distribution of instruments and tests are prioritized for facilities based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) epidemiological hotspot data and facilities whose data indicate an elevated risk for COVID-19 transmission. Devices will be sent directly to nursing homes to ensure that nursing homes can begin testing as soon as they receive the devices and complete the requisite training.

Facilities are prioritized to receive a Point of Care testing device based on the following criteria:

- Nursing homes that are in hotspots as identified as having one or more counties affected in the following states: AL, AZ, CA, FL, NC, SC, TX; Or other criteria includes:
- Nursing homes nationwide that have reported any of the following:
    - Three or more confirmed or suspected new cases of COVID-19 in the last week
    - At least one new COVID-19 case in the last week after having zero previous COVID-19 cases
    - Inadequate access to testing in the last week
    - At least one new resident death due to COVID-19 in the last week
    - At least one new confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case among staff in the last week

CMS developed a Frequently Asked Question document that you can access here.

Each nursing home, who anticipates adding the COVID-19 testing, will need to complete the CLIA application (CMS-Form 116), even if you already have a CLIA certificate. There are three fields that have been completed on the attached application (per the guidance of CMS). Follow the Nursing Home Letter with instructions on completing the CLIA application (form CMS-116), including the state agency CLIA contact information for any question you may have, and instructions on where to send their completed applications.

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