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Civil Money Penalty Reinvestment Funds Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Communicative Technology Cover Letter Instructions

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of COVID-19. This guidance directs nursing homes to restrict visitors and nonessential personnel to protect nursing home residents. Recognizing the difficulty the residents have been facing with isolation, restrictions from visitors, and the challenges on the long term care staff, CMS developed an application for funds for the use of Civil Money Penalty Reinvestment funds (CMP funds) for adaptive communicative technologies.

Along with the application of need for the Civil Money Penalty Funds (CMP funds) for the adaptive communicative technologies, a cover letter will be required to be submitted and must address the following:

- A brief description addressing the need for the communicative technology devices. The devices must support both telehealth and virtual social communication.
- Indicate what software will be used to facilitate the virtual visits, i.e. FaceTime or GoogleMeet.
- Specify the expected cost of expenditures for the devices and accessories, if any.
- Identify any issues related to residents being able to connect to WIFI and the internet in order to use the device, (i.e., any internet or WIFI issues that may be present for your area such as metered or limited service availability).
- Specify measures that will be taken to safeguard devices from loss, theft, or misuse.
- A brief description of the number of residents in the facility and how the long-term care facility intends on sharing the communicative technology devices (1 device between 10 residents).
- Identify how infection control practices will be followed when sharing devices between residents.
- How the long-term care facility plans to maintain that the devices will not be shared between COVID-19 positive residents or suspect residents and other residents.
- How many accessories will be purchased for the communicative technology devices (headphones, tripods (floor or tabletop), protective covers, or assistive/adaptive equipment)?



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Once you receive the approval letter from us, you may then purchase the approved devices and invoice us. In order for invoices to be submitted for payment they have to include receipts/proof of payment.

Thank you for all you do in caring for Oklahoma's vulnerable population!

Respectfully,

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