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State Department of Health

LTC Provider Call, MDS Related News; Updated Hospital Discharge to Long Term Care Facilities Guidance; Compliance with Resident's Right to Vote

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Long-Term Care Weekly Provider Call

The Oklahoma State Department of Health, Regulation, Prevention and Preparedness will be hosting a COVID-19 provider call on **Wednesday, October 14th from 1:00 to 2:30.**

The conference call will include information and discussion on the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 including current guidance, best practices and questions and answers. The call is open to **Owners, Operators, Administrators 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.

Access Information

USA Toll-Free: 888-363-4735

Access Code: 1177868

MDS Related News

In response to State Medicaid Agency and stakeholder requests, CMS provided the option for states to collect PDPM data on OBRA Comprehensive and Quarterly item sets. The purpose of this change is to allow states to compare the PDPM classifications to the RUG groups and allow analysis of the reimbursement system to determine their future payment models.

Oklahoma will not participate in the collection of PDPM items on the stand-alone OBRA assessment as we are required to go through the rule-making process in order to make the collection of the items a requirement. Additionally, CMS has postponed other MDS and RAI changes that were previously discussed, such as the removal of Section G. Therefore, Oklahoma nursing homes will not experience any MDS or RAI changes at this time.

CLIA FAQs

The OSDH Medical Facilities CLIA Department has compiled a list of CLIA FAQs as well as a resource list of labs for nursing homes.

[To view the list of CLIA FAQs click here.](#)

[To view the list of reference labs for nursing homes click here.](#)

Updated Hospital Discharge to LTC Facilities Guidance

On September 24, 2020, the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) Acute Disease Service (ADS) provided guidance regarding updated information related to individuals eligible for discharge from the hospital to a LTC facility.

Refer to the [Updated: Hospital Discharge to Long Term Care Facilities Guidance](#) for complete details and information.

Compliance with Residents' Rights Requirement related to Right to Vote

CMS issued guidance in [Memo QSO-21-02-NH](#), related to ensuring each resident has the right to vote.

Visitation in nursing homes has been limited due to the pandemic, but nursing homes must still ensure residents are able to exercise their Constitutional right to vote. CMS directs nursing homes to have a plan to assist residents in voting, whether in-person, by mail, absentee, or other authorized process.

[Memo QSO-21-02-NH](#) provides complete guidance on protecting the residents' rights while maintaining their safety due to COVID-19.

COVID-19: Considerations, Strategies, and Resources for Crisis Standards of Care in Post-Acute and Long-Term Care (PALTC) Facilities

We all have learned through this COVID-19 pandemic, all facility types are affected during a public health emergency and each need to know and understand how to adjust for crisis standards of care (CSC).

The COVID-19 Healthcare Resilience Working Group—a partnership with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other federal agencies, developed strategies and resources and released this guidance on October 5, 2020.

Overview

COVID-19 Healthcare Resilience Working Group (2020) indicated entities such as nursing homes, assisted living facilities, ICF/IID, long-term acute care hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, and dedicated hospice facilities—which are collectively referred to as post-acute and long-term care (PALTC) facilities—may need to adjust operations and standards of care in order to preserve and effectively allocate limited resources in the face of overwhelming demand due to the national public health emergency response. (p. 5)

The document provides PALTC facilities an overview of general considerations, potential strategies, and existing resources that they may use to inform changes to their operations and care processes. It is intended to complement, not replace, existing state and/or local guidance and plans for implementing CSC. (p. 5)

Refer to the full guidance and resources included in the document: [COVID-19: Considerations, Strategies, and Resources for Crisis Standards of Care in Post-Acute and Long-Term Care \(PALTC\) Facilities.](#)

Telligen Office Hours

Dr. Nimale Stone from the CDC will be presenting for Telligen's interactive LTC Office Hours on Thursday, October 15th, to review the current CMS guidance related to testing requirements for nursing homes and clinical laboratories. During this interactive Office Hours session participants will learn more about the current testing regulations and required reporting processes. Dr. Stone and participants will share best practices to achieve success with these requirements in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 to nursing home residents and front line staff.

[Click here to register for Telligen's Office Hours!](#)

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