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Important Updates: LTC Provider Weekly Call, Previous Week's LTC Recording, Resident Stimulus Checks, Posting Inspection and COVID-19 Data on Nursing Home Compare, Music YouTube Video, Telligen's Collaborative Office Hours

June 9, 2020

Reminder of LTC Provider Call

The Oklahoma State Department of Health, Regulation, Prevention and Preparedness will be hosting a COVID-19 conference call on **Tomorrow, June 10th, 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.

Wednesday, June 10th, 2020
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Access Information

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

Recording of Long-Term Care Conference Call: Wednesday, June 3rd

The Long-Term Care Survey Division, Mike Cook, Service Director, along with James Joslin, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, provided the weekly LTC COVID-19 Provider Conference Call on Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020. You can access the [June 3rd call recording here.](#)

Tune in each Wednesday at 1:00 to receive the most current guidance related to the prevention and management of the coronavirus.

Attorney General's Letter to Nursing Homes Regarding Resident's Stimulus Checks

Long-term care residents have been issued a stimulus check along with all other Americans. It has been reported some facilities across the country have required residents receiving Medicaid to sign over their stimulus funds to the facility.

In a letter to nursing homes and assisted living facilities, Attorney General Mike Hunter informed facilities that it is illegal to require residents to sign over their stimulus check to the facility. Mr. Hunter indicated that his office has not received any complaints in Oklahoma related to this, but he wanted to inform facilities of this concern to prevent any issues related to residents' stimulus funds.

Read [the attorney general's letter to nursing homes and assisted living facilities](#) here.

Posting Inspection Data and Nursing Home COVID-19 Information

CMS informed nursing and skilled nursing facilities that they will begin posting the reported COVID-19 NHSN data and Focused COVID-19 survey results on Nursing Home Compare in the "Spotlight" section for public viewing.

[CMS Memo 20-32-NH](#) indicated the COVID-19 data will include each facility's name, their reported number of confirmed and suspected cases of COVID-19 (including residents and staff), resident deaths related to COVID-19, availability of personal protective equipment (PPE), COVID-19 testing, and potential staffing shortages. The information can also be accessed at <https://data.cms.gov/Covid19-nursing-home-data> starting on June 4, 2020.

Health inspections and prioritization of surveys was changed on March 4, 2020 to allow surveyors to focus on infection control measures within nursing and skilled nursing facilities due to the coronavirus pandemic. CMS notified facilities in [Memo 20-33-NH](#) that inspections related to complaints and facility-reported incidents (FRIs) that were triaged at the Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) level, and the streamlined Infection Control inspection process will be publically posted on Nursing Home Compare.

The COVID-19 NHSN data and COVID-19 focused survey results are now both available and can be accessed at:

<https://www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare/search.html>.

Oklahoma City University Wanda L Bass School of Music YouTube Channel

The Oklahoma Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman has been working with Dr. David Herendeen, Director of Opera and Musical Theater at Oklahoma City University, to share the power of music and theater with long-term care residents.

Many of you are aware of how residents respond so favorably to music. Consider sharing this uplifting resource, Songs of Hope, from Dr. Harendeen and his students. You may view the YouTube video by clicking:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oLZJh3rKEoc&feature=youtu.be>.

Please share resident's responses with the Ombudsman's office.

Telligen, QIN-QIO Post-Acute Care Collaborative Office Hours

Join Telligen for the OK Post-Acute Care Collaborative Office Hours on June 10, 2020, 11am CT. Learn about an innovative model of providing care -- meeting patients where they are, in the comfort of their own residence. Physician Housecalls focuses on a personal connection with patients, increasing access to care and providing an alternative to traditional clinical practice. Hear from their providers on what strategies they are implementing to provide quality patient care during the challenges of COVID-19. Register in advance for this meeting: [Telligen Zoom Meeting](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. Please save to your calendar as the Meeting ID and Password information will be included.

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