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SUBJECT: Changes to Statewide Case Mix Review Program Activities

The Health Regulation Division has an important update about steps that the Case Mix Review (CMR) Program will adopt to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Effective immediately, the CMR Program will perform desk audits of facilities, instead of on-site reviews. The goal is to reduce non-essential interactions with at-risk populations in healthcare facilities. We will look to CMS quality and safety guidance to determine a future date for when it is appropriate to resume on-site reviews in facilities.

CMR staff will contact the long-term care facilities that have yet to be audited this fiscal year to determine the type of computer system in place and remote access requirements.

This decision was made in partnership with the MN Department of Human Services and is based on [recent community mitigation guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) on 3/10/2020.

The Department of Health remains committed to safety, quality and continuity during this period.

- Please contact the CMR program (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/casemix/index.html>) for program-specific questions.
- The MN Department of Health has set up a web page (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/situation.html>) and phone number (651-201-3920) for questions and comments regarding Corona Virus Disease 19 statewide.