



PROTECTING, MAINTAINING AND IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF ALL MINNESOTANS

Agenda
Nursing Home Statewide Call
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Monday, March 9, 2020 11 a.m. – 12 noon CST

https://www.health.state.mn.us/facilities/regulation/infobulletins/ib20_1.html

Welcome - Mary Absolon, Program Manager MDH Licensing & Certification (L & C) Program

Coronavirus Disease (COVID – 19)

Information for Healthcare Facilities Concerning 2019 Novel Coronavirus Illness (2019-nCoV) Including:

- <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-09-all.pdf>

Notification to Surveyors of the Authorization for Emergency Use of the CDC 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Real-Time RT-PCR Diagnostic Panel Assay and Guidance for use in CDC Qualified Laboratories:

- <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-10-clia.pdf>

Release of Additional Toolkits to Ensure Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes:

- <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-11-nh.pdf>

Toolkits:

CMS has created a toolkit that offers education and person-centered, practical interventions that nursing home administrators, directors of nursing, and bedside staff can implement to promote high-quality sleep for residents living with dementia.

- Head-to-Toe Infection Prevention (H2T) Toolkit – CMS has created a toolkit that offers educational materials and practical interventions for bedside staff designed to prevent common infections by improving activities of daily living (ADL) care.

Suspension of Survey Activities:

- <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-12-allpdf.pdf-1>

March 4, 2020 Effective immediately, survey activity is limited to the following (in Priority Order):

- All immediate jeopardy complaints (cases that represents a situation in which entity Non-compliance has placed the health and safety of recipients in its care at risk for serious injury, serious harm, serious impairment or death or harm) and allegations of abuse and neglect;
- Complaints alleging infection control concerns, including facilities with potential COVID-19 or other respiratory illnesses;
- Statutorily required recertification surveys (Nursing Home, Home Health, Hospice, and ICF/IID facilities);
- Any re-visits necessary to resolve current enforcement actions;
- Initial certifications;
- Surveys of facilities/hospitals that have a history of infection control deficiencies at the immediate jeopardy level in the last three years;
- Surveys of facilities/hospitals/dialysis centers that have a history of infection control deficiencies at lower levels than immediate jeopardy.

Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention Concerning Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19): FAQs and Considerations for Patient Triage, Placement and Hospital Discharge:

- <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-13-hospitalspdf.pdf-2>

Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in nursing homes:

- <https://www.cms.gov/medicareprovider-enrollment-and-certificationsurveycertificationgeninfopolicy-and/qso-20-14-nh.pdf>

MDH Resources related to COVID – 19

- MDH Webpage
<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html>

If you are a health professional evaluating a patient for suspected coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), or have clinical questions, please contact the Minnesota Department of Health immediately at 651-201-5414.

- MDH Long Term Care Compendium:

MDH's Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention and Control Division (IDEPC) is hosting weekly phone calls during COVID-19 on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. Call in information forthcoming.

If you are not on the compendium mailing list, please send an email with the following information to:

health.HAI@state.mn.us

Name of facility

Name & Role of individual to be added

Email and physical address of facility

Emergency Preparedness

- Link to Advanced Copy- Revised Appendix Z State Operations Manual – emerging diseases

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Downloads/QSO19-06-ALL.pdf>

Federal Remedy Update

Beginning for survey cycles March 1, 2020, MDH as the federal survey agency will impose on behalf of CMS a 15 calendar day notice of Discretionary Denial of Payment for New Admissions for a survey that meets the immediate imposition of remedies. The criteria is listed in the CMS State Operations Manual at 7304.1 and include:

- Immediate Jeopardy (IJ)
- Deficiencies cited at Substandard Quality of Care at levels G, H or I
- Any G level deficiency is identified on the current survey in 42 C.F.R. §483.13, Resident Behavior and Facility Practices, 42 C.F.R. §483.15, Quality of Life, or 42 C.F.R. §483.25, Quality of Care
- Deficiencies of actual harm or above (level G or above) on the current survey as well as having deficiencies of actual harm or above on the previous standard health or LSC survey OR deficiencies of actual harm or above on any type of survey between the current survey and the last standard survey. These surveys must be separated by a period of compliance (i.e., from different noncompliance cycles)
- A Special Focus Facility (SFF) AND has a deficiency citation at level “F” or higher for the current health survey or “G” or higher for the current Life Safety Code (LSC) survey

Federal Deficiency Trend Updates and Tips

- See Power Point

Comments/Questions. Inquiries may be sent to health.fpc-web@state.mn.us

Thank you for joining this call