Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of April 10, 2020

**HHS Releases a Portion of the $100B COVID-19 Health Care Fund**

HHS [announced](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/COVID-19%20%E2%80%93%20Update%2036.pdf) that they are partnering with UnitedHealth Group (UHG) to deliver the initial $30 billion distribution to Medicare providers as quickly as possible. Providers will be paid electronically where possible. Providers who normally receive a paper check for reimbursement from CMS will receive a paper check in the mail for this payment as well, within the next few weeks.

**No-Interest COVID-19 Financial Support Available**

Independent Owners have the opportunity to take advantage of the streamlined Accelerated Payment [Program](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/Accelerated-and-Advanced-Payments-Fact-Sheet.pdf) offered by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in response to the COVID-19 national public health emergency. The information [here](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Aed16ebab-8bec-4957-9e6a-d44416ab6ac0) outlines the steps to take to apply for the funding. 

**Remedi SeniorCare Webinar – April 14, 2020**

**Date:** Tuesday, April 14

**Time:** 10 am – 10:30 am

Join the meeting: <https://join.me/william.vaughan>

Join by phone:

1-202-602-1295

Conference ID: 200-195-123#

**Title:** The clinical, operational and regulatory impact of COVID-19 on pharmacy services and medication management.

**Description:** Despite the unprecedented challenges facing long-term care providers, resident safety dictates that the core functions surrounding medication management and pharmacy services remain a priority. This 30-minute webinar will share best practices related to drug management, medication pass optimization, consultant pharmacist collaboration and regulatory compliance.

**Presenters:**

Erin M. Foti, PharmD, BCGP

Director of Consulting Services

Remedi SeniorCare

William M. Vaughan RN, BSN

Vice President, Education and Clinical Affairs

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**Attention Care Providers Oklahoma Members!**

Currently we have 183,250 surgical masks at a price of $1.25/per mask each.  This is a “members only” opportunity. The masks are scheduled to be at the Care Providers Oklahoma office no later than Monday, April 13th. We will distribute the masks from our training center once the masks are in our possession; if the masks arrive earlier than expected we will move our distribution day up accordingly.  It will be up to the participating members to arrange for a courier to come to Care Providers Oklahoma’s office during the pick-up window. Payments can be submitted via corporate check, credit card or via wire transfer.

Due to the limited quantity, orders will be processed first-come/first-served until the allotment is exhausted.  If demand for these masks is strong enough, we can potentially facilitate a subsequent order.

Shanna Reece and Connie Guinn will be facilitating orders on behalf of Care Providers Oklahoma.  Please contact [Shanna](mailto:shanna@careoklahoma.com?subject=Masks) or call 405-239-0073 or [Connie](mailto:connie@careoklahoma.com?subject=Masks) or call 405-239-0076 between hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to secure your requested quantity of masks and to coordinate payment arrangements.  Payments will be expected at delivery or in advance of delivery.  No product can be released without payment. Wire instructions and the “payable to” information will be provided by Shanna and/or Connie once the masks are in the continental US and on the road to Oklahoma.  We hope you find this opportunity helpful as your team capably and professionally serves the residents in your care.

Remember, this is a **“members only”** opportunity and orders will only be accepted until we reach the number of masks expected in this shipment.

**Emergency Nurse Aide Training Links**

**Long-Term Care Facilities:**

Long Term Care Nurse Aide Emergency Waiver Training [Program Manual](https://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/LTC_Emergency_Waiver_Training_Program_Manual_4.1.20.%20draft%20(2)jjdocx.pdf)

[Affirmation of 16 hours](https://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/Affirmation_Sixteen_Hours_of_Training_3_19_20.pdf) of training

Emergency Waiver [Performance Skills Checklist](https://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/Skills_Performance_Checklist_Model%203.23.20%20Draft-SMW.pdf)

**ICF/IID:**

Home Health, ICF/IID, Residential Care, and Adult Day Care Emergency Waiver [Training Information Manual](https://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/Nurse%20Aide_Training_Program_Manual_4.6.20%20a.%20draft%20vlk.pdf)

Home Health, ICF/IID, Residential Care, and Adult Day Care Emergency Waiver [Training Skills Check List](https://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/Skills_Performance_Checklist_Model%203.23.20%20Draft-SMW.pdf)

**Certified Medication Aides (including Advanced Certifications):**  
Medication Aide Emergency Waiver [Training Manual](https://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/Medication%20Aide%20Training_Program_Manual_4.2.20%20Draft%20(2).pdf)

Medication Aide Skills [Performance Checklist with Advanced Skills](https://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/MedicationSkills_Checklist-Draft-SMW.pdf)

Medication Pass [Worksheet](https://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/Medication_Pass_Worksheet_4-2011.pdf)

**Diakonos Group shared some best practice tools.**

Resident Evaluation and Observation is a tool they have been using since COIVD started. It has helped with early identification of the virus. All other tools are best practices the facility has implemented. Please feel free to reach out to [Scott Pilgrim](mailto:scott.pilgrim@diakonosgroup.com?subject=Best%20practice%20tools) or [Kimberly Green](mailto:kimberly.green@diakonosgroup.com?subject=Best%20practice%20tools) with further questions.

[Resident Evaluation and Observation](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Ace193adf-b334-4ee5-b3c7-7019d5f1b2f2)

[Return to Work](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A99b08ce1-a440-4606-9c23-79d7dd49bd6b)

[Referrals](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A2050835e-2467-42c2-85fd-66fb0d05d1fd)

[Potential Exposure](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Aebcc749d-796e-4787-9cbb-870feede8cde)

[Staff Screening](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A235d5dc9-9cd6-4981-8b18-dda37d8a35df)

**Reminder: End of life visitation to nursing homes**

Governor’s Stitt’s Order was intended to align with similar directions and orders from the federal government’s  Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).  On March 13, 2020, CMS issued a Memorandum which provided in part:

“*Facilities should* ***restrict*** *visitation of* ***all*** *visitors and non-essential health care personnel, except for certain compassionate care situations, such as an end-of-life situation. In those cases, visitors will be limited to a specific room only….For individuals that enter in compassionate situations (e.g., end-of-life care), facilities should require visitors to perform hand hygiene and use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), such as facemasks. Decisions about visitation during an end of life situation should be made on a case by case basis, which should include careful screening of the visitor (including clergy, bereavement counselors, etc.) for fever or respiratory symptoms. Those with symptoms of a respiratory infection (fever, cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat) should not be permitted to enter the facility at any time (even in end-of-life situations). Those visitors that are permitted, must wear a facemask while in the building and restrict their visit to the resident’s room or other location designated by the facility. They should also be reminded to frequently perform hand hygiene.”*

Therefore, Governor Stitt’s Order should be read to permit such “compassionate care” visits to Oklahoma’s nursing homes, long-term care facilities, and retirement homes, if conducted in accordance with the guidelines in the CMS Memorandum cited above.

**Reminder: Care Providers Oklahoma Leadership Conference has been RESCHEDULED**

Care Providers Oklahoma has RESCHEDULED the annual Leadership Conference to July 29th, 2020. Prior registrations from March 31st will be automatically transferred to July 29th. If registrants are unable to attend on July 29th please contact Care Providers Oklahoma to cancel registration. More information will follow.

**Reminder: Care Providers Oklahoma Office Coverage**

Care Providers Oklahoma staff will continue to work remotely from home as warranted. We are all still here to assist you with whatever needs you may have so please do not hesitate to contact us as necessary.

**Please visit our NEW Care Providers Oklahoma COVID -19 Resource Page**

Care Providers Oklahoma is providing regular [COVID-19 updates](https://www.careoklahoma.com/covid-19-resource-page/) via our website including all the AHCA/NCAL COVID-19 Updates and past daily Member Updates.