Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of April 16, 2020

Below are the details for two recently announced calls you may find of interest. Please note that these timely calls are scheduled for today, Thursday, April 16th.  We want to be sure you have seen this information and have the opportunity to participate as appropriate.

**Invitation to a CMS COVID-19 Call with Nurses**- **April 16th @ 2:00 Central**

Please join the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a call on ***COVID-19 with Nurses***, **Thursday, April 16th** at 2PM Central. CMS leadership will provide updates on the agency’s latest guidance and we will be joined by leaders in the field interested in sharing best practices with their peers. The call will be recorded if you are unable to join.

Dial-in details below. Conference lines are limited, so we highly encourage you to join via audio webcast, either on your computer or smartphone web browser. You are welcome to share this invitation with your colleagues and membership.

**Thursday, April 16th from** 2:00-2:30 Central

**Attendee Dial-In: 833-614-0820**

**Conference ID: 5058949**
**Web Link:** [https://engage.vevent.com/index.jsp?eid=5779&seid=1920#/main/simplify](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=65030741&msgid=518565&act=H6JM&c=1185304&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fengage.vevent.com%2Findex.jsp%3Feid%3D5779%26seid%3D1920%23%2Fmain%2Fsimplify&cf=6316&v=96a63b810431e13324cfa98e12ae3ed4feed1e27d15ecb9227a66537c5653fc9)

**Invitation to CMS COVID-19 "Office Hours"**- **April 16th @ 4:00 Central**

You are invited to **CMS “Office Hours” on COVID-19, Thursday, April 16th from 4:00 – 5:00 PM Central**, the next in a series of opportunities for hospitals, health systems, and providers to ask questions of agency officials regarding CMS’s temporary actions that empower local hospitals and healthcare systems to:

* Increase Hospital Capacity – CMS Hospitals Without Walls;
* Rapidly Expand the Healthcare Workforce;
* Put Patients Over Paperwork; and
* Further Promote Telehealth in Medicare

Dial-in details below. Conference lines are limited, so we highly encourage you to join via audio webcast, either on your computer or smartphone web browser. You are welcome to share this invitation with your colleagues and membership.

**Toll-Free Attendee Dial In**: 833-614-0820

**Event Plus Passcode:** 6168487

**Audio Webcast link:** [https://engage.vevent.com/index.jsp?eid=5779&seid=1931#/main/simplify](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=65030741&msgid=518565&act=H6JM&c=1185304&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fengage.vevent.com%2Findex.jsp%3Feid%3D5779%26seid%3D1931%23%2Fmain%2Fsimplify&cf=6316&v=c458add5adc8ee7aa16ee36c2dcd772226efc3578b6dd937386f9de384e35302)

**COVID-19 Project Echo**

Project ECHO connects an interdisciplinary team at the OSU Center for Health Sciences with community providers to discuss treatment for chronic and complex medical conditions. In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, OSU-CHS is launching a[COVID-19 Oklahoma Update ECHO](https://health.okstate.edu/echo/covid-19-project-echo.html) to keep healthcare providers updated as the situation changes.  This Friday, April 17th at 1:00 PM, Secretary Shrum/OSU is hosting ECHO specifically on the LTC topic. Appropriate for specifically for administrators and DON's.

ECHO:

Join Zoom from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/713519707>

Press \*6 to mute your line when not speaking

To join via video from Video Conferencing System:

Join by SIP 713519707@zoomcrc.com

Join by H.323

162.255.37.11 (US West)

162.255.36.11 (US East)

Meeting ID: 713 519 707

Join by Skype for Business <https://echo.zoom.us/skype/713519707>

**NEW Webinar - Caring for a Dementia Resident During the COVID-19 Crisis...You've Got to Be Kidding Me...How Can I Keep Them Safe?** **1.25 NAB CEU’s available**
**Presented by Linda Farrar, LNHA**

**Date:**April 21, 2020

**Time:**2:00PM to 3:15PM CST

**Cost:** Member CEU - $56.65 / Non-Member CEU - $113.30
**Course Description:**
Caring for residents with dementia and dementia-related symptoms is a challenge in the best of circumstances. But now with this world-wide pandemic and the necessary restrictions the challenge has become monumental. This webinar, presented by Linda Farrar, RN LNHA will offer staff strategies to deal with those challenges based on the strengths of residents with dementia rather than their weaknesses.

**Register** [here](https://careprovidersoklahoma.growthzoneapp.com/ap/Events/Register/ep070Qer)

**Quick Workforce Survey**

The Oklahoma Department of Commerce is partnering with specific industries to help with workforce recruitment.  We have been asked about specific needs in long-term care.  To help facilitate the recruitment strategy, gathering some quick data points on recruitment needs will help prioritize the work with Commerce.  The survey will take 2 minutes to complete.  Thank you for your participation!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G98FQJ5>

**Attention Care Providers Oklahoma Members!**

Currently we have 46,750 surgical masks remaining at a price of $1.25/per mask each.  This is a “members only” opportunity. We will distribute the masks from our training center once the masks are in our possession. 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.  Remember, this is a **“members only”** opportunity and orders will only be accepted until we reach the number of masks expected in this shipment.

Shanna Reece and Connie Guinn will be facilitating orders on behalf of Care Providers Oklahoma.  Please contact Shanna or call 405-239-0073 or Connie or call 405-239-0076 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.

**Important Message from OSDH - Long-Term Conference Call**

The Oklahoma State Department of Health, Regulation, Prevention and Preparedness hosted a COVID-19 **conference call** on **Wednesday, April 15th.** The conference call [included information](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A9697d200-cb63-40cb-9ea8-2a982c1e714e) and discussion of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 including current guidance, best practices and questions & answers.

**Emergency Nurse Aide Training** [**Links**](https://www.ok.gov/health/Protective_Health/Health_Resources_Development_Service/Nurse_Aide_and_Nontechnical_Services_Worker_Registry/index.html)

The new emergency nurse aide training rule requires those aides in training to be registered in **OKSCREEN** in the position category of "**Technical, Unlicensed Health Care**," and in the position of "**Nurse Aide in Training**." This enrollment serves as the registry for nurse aide trainees, as required in 63 O.S. 1-1951. The employee’s status should be updated in OK-SCREEN when they become certified.

**310:677-1-7. Presumptive approval of nurse aide training programs and emergency training exception for unlicensed health professionals and feeding assistants during the state of emergency caused by COVID-19.**

**Long-Term Care Facilities:**
Below please find a copy of a Training Manual for the Long Term Care Aide Emergency Waiver which may be used by facilities to assist you with the training of Long Term Care aides while under the Emergency Waiver.

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%282%29jjdocx.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:**
Below please find a copy of a Performance Skills Checklist which may be used by Long Term Care, Residential Care Developmentally Direct Care and Adult Day Care facilities.  A copy must be kept in the personnel file and the original be given to the trainee.

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):**
Below please find a copy of a Training Manual for the Medication Aide Emergency Waiver which may be used by facilities to assist you with the training of medication aides while under the Emergency Waiver.  If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Nurse Aide Registry.

Medication Aide Emergency Waiver [Training Manual](https://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/Medication%20Aide%20Training_Program_Manual_4.2.20%20Draft%20%282%29.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)

**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.

Long term care and assisted living residents are sheltering in place without visitors to keep them safe from #COVID19. Join Care Providers Oklahoma to brighten up their day and send them a message of support via our Facebook page with hashtag **#CareNotCOVID** [**Facebook Profile Pic Frame**](https://www.facebook.com/profilepicframes/?selected_overlay_id=2905473726207118)