Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of April 29, 2020

**Post-Acute Care Collaborative Office Hours**

Telligen QI Connect™ is hosting Post-Acute Care Collaborative Office Hours to support healthcare providers through the COVID-19 crisis. Telligen is convening a statewide network of hospitals and post-acute care providers to promote sharing of your most pressing COVID-19 transitions of care challenges, promising practices, tools, and resources.

Please join the Post-Acute Care Collaborative Office Hours today**, April 29th from 11:00-11:45 a.m.** Guest speakers will be Sammye Valenzuela, Director of Case Management & Transitional Care Clinics at Ascension St. John in Tulsa, and Rose Thomas, Manager of Case Management at Ascension St. John in Bartlesville, they will share challenges and successes during this COVID-19 crisis. Lauren Thompson, LPC, will share tips for healthcare staff on how to manage emotions and maintain self-care during a pandemic. Dr. Christine LaRocca, Medical Director at Telligen, will join the guest speakers to answer questions during the Q&A. Register today! <https://telligenqinqio.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5ArcOqgrj4ozuZU7IwJMkWB0AW0YUlCUA>

## **LTC COVID-19 CALL** - **TODAY April 29, 2020**

## The Oklahoma State Department of Health, Regulation, Prevention and Preparedness will be hosting a COVID-19 conference call today**, April 29th, 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, April 29, 2020
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

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

**COVID-19** [**Relief Funding**](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A34184a9f-23b6-4e0e-bf11-5a431f31f15e)

Encourage your US Senator or Representative to Demand Direct Investment in Skilled Nursing Relief

AHCA has pinpointed a call to action for Secretary Azar to invest $10 billion from the HHS healthcare fund directly into skilled nursing providers.  The first two tranches of funding did not adequately recognize that SNF’s are at ground zero for the COVID-19 fight.  Members of Care Providers Oklahoma are encouraged to contact their US Senators and Representatives to encourage specific report for skilled nursing. Ask your member to communicate directly to Sec Azar that SNF funding is a priority and that dedicated funding should be made available to this community.

Talking Points for HHS Request

1. In the next round of relief from the Department of Health and Human Services, skilled nursing facilities must be given funding and relief.   It is critical that there be a SNF segregated fund for COVID-19 hot spots, just as was created for hospitals.

I am asking you to specify and sequester funding for skilled nursing facilities by allocating $10 billion to SNFs, with special emphasis in COVID-19 hot spots or that have a significant presence of the virus in their facilities.

1. The center of the battle against COVID-19 is right now being fought in skilled nursing buildings.  In these hot spot areas, these facilities are seeing a 500% increase in the cost of PPE and sometimes double the labor costs they experienced before this devastating virus.
2. Unfortunately, after being at the bottom of the list for testing and equipment, SNFs are now a low priority for the funds needed to fight the virus.
3. The residents of skilled nursing facilities are the most at risk with COVID19 and, as you know, the loss of life in our communities has been tragic and disheartening.  They are at war with this virus and need immediate help.

Contact information for Oklahoma’s federal designation:

Senator Jim Inhofe:  202-224-4721

Senator James Lankford:  202-224-5754

Representative Kevin Hern:  202-225-2211

Representative Markwayne Mull: 202-225-2701

Representative Fran Lucas: 202-225-5565

Representative Tom Cole:  202-225-6165

Representative Kendra Horn:  202-225-2132

**NAHCA ElderGuard Support Group**

Last Week NAHCA hosted the first EVER, [NAHCA ElderGuard Support Group](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001gxjT7rgsEViFZJyUGtjkm_oaVLaWgYViTd67tIaHLCJJQrxOm1MCzECFivrav-yJuVNaV3CiNUl_YLIIykMG1skaobILhc2ByS3_gVTcFhzc37JexlBXAleNLWfQeXImUjTlYIDmRIiTgcEXaUqyLMYmt1dnPim_dsTWTxMJ7KE6sTzJMLQ_CA==&c=bbpOgYpGnbTZkz5jtn4mxOi-KGzqs21_yX3I3eC-r_TMBYrWnC4QMw==&ch=fgzIvn8t9hM-DbiTVOk2ihdvCW2HwE2fv2aM2wq8jHYKSOYvUnUjOQ==).

This will be something NAHCA will host weekly. With so much interest for an additional morning session time, The NAHCA Team is looking into getting that going as well.

This is an invitation to all CAN’s to join NAHCA this Thursday at 6pm central.

The support group is hosted on Zoom, that way we can be together in the best way possible at this point. Please feel free to message Drake Taylor dtaylor@nahcacna.org with any questions.

[RSVP](https://www.facebook.com/events/3016023541769914/?event_time_id=3016023548436580) TODAY

**How to Join Thursday's NAHCA Meetings:**

Topic: [NAHCA ElderGuard Support Group](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001gxjT7rgsEViFZJyUGtjkm_oaVLaWgYViTd67tIaHLCJJQrxOm1MCzECFivrav-yJuVNaV3CiNUl_YLIIykMG1skaobILhc2ByS3_gVTcFhzc37JexlBXAleNLWfQeXImUjTlYIDmRIiTgcEXaUqyLMYmt1dnPim_dsTWTxMJ7KE6sTzJMLQ_CA==&c=bbpOgYpGnbTZkz5jtn4mxOi-KGzqs21_yX3I3eC-r_TMBYrWnC4QMw==&ch=fgzIvn8t9hM-DbiTVOk2ihdvCW2HwE2fv2aM2wq8jHYKSOYvUnUjOQ==)

**﻿Every week on Thu,**

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**Join Zoom Meeting**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81660472292](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001gxjT7rgsEViFZJyUGtjkm_oaVLaWgYViTd67tIaHLCJJQrxOm1MCzECFivrav-yJCoTTFg3B5XYJMU0bwOnbUdDjzWU5f56A7GXGUgBd1rcFfzG3xpu6eme7zzP6dkjfewxR2dQTxqlsUK0-7x2BAoIiJPJLoZ3sWDKWvfzJjpI=&c=bbpOgYpGnbTZkz5jtn4mxOi-KGzqs21_yX3I3eC-r_TMBYrWnC4QMw==&ch=fgzIvn8t9hM-DbiTVOk2ihdvCW2HwE2fv2aM2wq8jHYKSOYvUnUjOQ==)

Meeting ID: 816 6047 2292

[**COVID-19 Update #53**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2053.pdf) **| Document Your Calls for Help**

Most long-term care providers do not have access to the adequate supplies or staff to provide the level of care needed to contain the virus. Documenting requests for assistance is a critical part of managing of the long-term consequences of the lack of supplies and testing – and preparing for future surveys. Unfortunately, also due to this crisis, many long-term care providers are unable to fulfill requests for help made to regular contacts (e.g., suppliers, morgues, staffing agencies, etc.) and through traditional communication channels. Long term care providers need to regularly call for help and need to document these calls were made.

[**COVID-19 Update #52**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2052.pdf) **| Resources to Help with Grants, Loans and COVID-19 Related Costs**

To aid members with managing the array of federal grants and loans, AHCA/NCAL has developed a [basic primer](https://members.ahcancal.org/Dashboard/Sign-In?ReturnUrl=https%3a%2f%2fwww.ahcancal.org%2f_layouts%2fAHCA.Authentication%2fLogin.aspx%3fReturnUrl%3d%252ffacility_operations%252fdisaster_planning%252f_layouts%252fAuthenticate.aspx%253fSource%253d%25252Ffacility%25255Foperations%25252Fdisaster%25255Fplanning%25252FDocuments%25252FLoan%25252DGrant%25252DOverview%25252DPrimer%25252Epdf%26Source%3d%252Ffacility%255Foperations%252Fdisaster%255Fplanning%252FDocuments%252FLoan%252DGrant%252DOverview%252DPrimer%252Epdf) (login required) for organizing oversight and day-to-day management of these emergency resources. The guidance includes federal cost reporting guidelines as well as recommended financial management approaches for members.

**COVID-19 Related Loss and Cost Calculator**

Available exclusively to AHCA/NCAL members is a [COVID-Related Loss and Cost Calculator](https://members.ahcancal.org/Dashboard/Sign-In?ReturnUrl=https%3a%2f%2fwww.ahcancal.org%2f_layouts%2fAHCA.Authentication%2fLogin.aspx%3fReturnUrl%3d%252ffacility_operations%252fdisaster_planning%252f_layouts%252fAuthenticate.aspx%253fSource%253d%25252Ffacility%25255Foperations%25252Fdisaster%25255Fplanning%25252FDocuments%25252FFacility%252520COVID%252520Cost%252520%252520Loss%252520Calculator%252520Version%2525201%25252Ezip%26Source%3d%252Ffacility%255Foperations%252Fdisaster%255Fplanning%252FDocuments%252FFacility%2520COVID%2520Cost%2520%2520Loss%2520Calculator%2520Version%25201%252Ezip) (login required). The purpose of this excel workbook is to offer a basic tool for members to assess allowable costs already reimbursed by pre-COVID payers, such as Medicare and Medicaid, and compare such reimbursement to shortfalls where grants and loans fill funding gaps. This tool will be particularly useful with reporting on and documenting use of the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund grants.

**Updated - Accelerated and Advance Payments**

The [AHCA Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payment FAQs](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/FAQs-Medicare-Accelerated-Advance-Payments.pdf) have been updated to reflect the April 26 CMS [announcement](https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/cms-reevaluates-accelerated-payment-program-and-suspends-advance-payment-program) that it is reevaluating the amounts that will be paid under its Accelerated Payment Program to Part A facility-based providers (including SNF) and suspending its Advance Payment Program to Part B suppliers effective immediately.

Specifically impacting SNFs, beginning on April 26, 2020 CMS will be reevaluating all pending and new applications for Accelerated Payments submitted by SNFs and other facility-based providers in light of the $175 billion recently appropriated for health care provider relief payments. Significant additional funding will continue to be available to healthcare providers through these other programs.

**National Skilled Nursing Care Week May 10-16, 2020**

Current social distancing rules and the inability of friends and family to enter the buildings has changed much of the day to day life of the staff and the residents. This year, while it is more important than ever to celebrate NSNCW and recognize the staff and residents in our skilled nursing care centers across the nation, it is a challenge to figure out how best to do so. One thing is certain, though, staff are playing a critical role in caring for residents and saving lives, and that deserves to be honored and celebrated. How are you planning to recognize your staff during NSNCW?

Let us also remember that Mother’s Day is Sunday, May 10th – the beginning of National Skilled Nursing Care Week. Care Providers Oklahoma would like to show-off how your facilities are celebrating Mother’s Day and National Skilled Nursing Care Week during this time by showcasing your facilities on social media via [our Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/careprovidersoklahoma/?ref=bookmarks).

**Spring Convention 2020**

Planning an in-person convention is still quite problematic due to the continuing restrictions on group sizes and the unknown of potential viral spread as the economy slowly reopens. Therefore, this year we are preparing to hold a virtual spring convention for our organization.  It will incorporate continuing education opportunities for our facility members and a unique exhibition/engagement from our vendors and business associate members.  We will be promoting the entire month of June as our “Convention Month”. More information to follow

**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 daily Member Updates.

Please visit the [**COVID -19 Resource Page**](https://www.careoklahoma.com/covid-19-resource-page/) to find NEW vendors with available PPE supplies