Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of May 5, 2020

**Legislature reaches Fiscal Year 2021 budget agreement**

Legislative leaders announced a [Fiscal Year 2021 state budget agreement](https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/OKSENATE/bulletins/289d2e9) Monday designed to hold education funding harmless while limiting most budget reductions to 4% or less amid the COVID-19 pandemic. The agreement calls for a total budget of $7.7 billion, which is $237.8 million, or 3%, less than the FY 2020 budget.

[**COVID-19 Update #59**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2059.pdf) **| Updated CDC Guidance on Return to Work and Clinical Care**

The CDC released two updated guidance on April 30, 2020, around criteria for returning to work for healthcare personnel (HCP) with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 and the discontinuation of transmission-based precautions and disposition of patients with COVID-19.

1. [Updated Criteria for Return to Work for HCP with Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 - Decisions about return to work for HCP with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 should be made in the context of local circumstances.](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/return-to-work.html)

2. [Updated Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Disposition of Patients with COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings.](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-hospitalized-patients.html)

**Update on FEMA PPE Supply to Nursing Homes**

FEMA will coordinate two shipments totaling a [14-day supply of personal protective equipment (PPE)](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A978bb2c2-93ac-458b-8c1e-59cca9eb7838) to nursing homes across the nation. By the beginning of July, each center will receive two separate packages containing a seven-day supply of eye protection, surgical masks, gowns, and gloves. Each center will receive an allotment of all four items based on the staff size of the facility. The Level 1 medical gowns included in the shipments are intended for use in basic care settings for minimal risk situations. The gowns are durable and can be washed 30 to 50 times. Due to the large number of nursing homes, centers are not likely to receive notification prior to their shipment arriving. However, as possible, FEMA will provide notification to a state prior to shipments arriving at their Medicaid/Medicare-certified facilities.

**CMS Issues Claims Processing Guidance Related to New COVID-19 ICD-10 Code**

CMS has provided the following standardized guidance to the MACs: “Based on the following guidance from the CMS [PDPM FAQs](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3Aac245e93-26e2-4821-8e6f-1472cddc6c72) question 1.8 is to tell providers with a 5-Day PPS MDS with an April 2020 ARD, but a lookback period that extends into March 2020 that, when applicable, they can use the COVID 19 ICD-10 code U07.1 in MDS item I0020B to obtain the appropriate PDPM case-mix classification, but that the claim associated with March DOS must contain a different ICD-10 code that applies to the beneficiary and that was valid in March. “We understand that this is a one-time event that only impacts a relatively small number of admissions related to COVID-19 that spanned the March-April implementation of the new U07.1 diagnosis code. The claim will need to contain a different diagnosis other than U07.1 but the assessment may contain U07.1 code in these instances.” AHCA recommends providers to share the above with billing staff.

**Childcare Assistance for Oklahomans**

In response to the COVID-19 crisis and the ensuing safer-at-home orders, many frontline workers have been unable to take their children to their normal daycare or school. [Kith.care](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn%3Aaaid%3Ascds%3AUS%3A601e1064-d50f-441a-8856-e238b8a4ea28) was created by the State of Oklahoma through Human Services to help these essential workers utilize family to provide reimbursable, in-home childcare. We encourage you to please share this among your staff and have them visit [www.kith.care](http://www.kith.care) to begin.

**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).

**Care Providers Oklahoma NOW OFFERING Distance Learning courses!**

Care Providers Oklahoma is now offering [on demand education](https://careoklahoma.nextthought.io/login/) to earn NAB CEU’s at your own leisure. Simply login and create an account to get started!

**Spring Convention 2020**

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