Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of May 11, 2020

**Steven Buck’s Live Morning Message - Click Here**

[**National Skilled Nursing Care Week**](https://www.ahcancal.org/events/national_skilled_nursing_care_week/Pages/default.aspx) **May 10-16, 2020**

Happy National Skilled Nursing Care Week! National Skilled Nursing Care Week® (NSNCW) recognizes the essential role of skilled nursing care centers in caring for America’s frail, elderly, and disabled. 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. NSNCW is also a time to recognize your residents, their special relationships with staff, and the family members that all make up your unique and wonderful communities. Keeping your community connected using technology and social media is a great way to prevent social isolation and lift everyone’s spirits. How are you planning to recognize your staff and residents this year during NSNCW?

[**COVID-19 Update #64**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2064.pdf) **| NHSN Enrollment Delays & Tips**

It is taking longer than anticipated for nursing homes to enroll in [CDC’s National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN)](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html) due to high demand from the new CMS reporting requirements.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** For the best experience and quicker access to the system, please be sure you are replying to a registration/enrollment email. Emailing the NHSN user support helpdesk will result in longer wait times for a reply.

NHSN is providing two live Zoom sessions to address enrollment specific questions. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**LTCFs COVID-19 Live Q&A Session for Module and Enrollment Specific Questions**

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

1:00 PM (Eastern time)

[Register](https://cdc.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJItfu-pqTkvH2MsV2ABgrYt5vZXOtUN8Yc)

Thursday, May 14, 2020

2:00 PM (Eastern Time)

[Register](https://cdc.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIscu2srDsiEglkcW2MxFjkBTLJZ-KwqDg)

**PPE Supplier List**

Knowing whether a Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supplier is reliable is challenging these days with all the pop-up PPE suppliers and [PPE scams](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Avoid-COVID-Scams.pdf). AHCA/NCAL has developed a list of [PPE suppliers](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/PPE-Supplier-List.pdf) that have recently served long term care providers. The list is not an endorsement or seal of approval of any PPE supplier, but can be used as a resource when PPE is not available through their ordinary supply chains.

**Webinar on PPE Use Next Week**

The National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center (NETEC) is hosting a town hall forum next week to answer frequently asked questions surrounding the use of Personal Protective Equipment in the care of COVID-19 patients. See the link to register below.

**NETEC Webinar: PPE! You've Got Questions. We've Got Answers**.

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

12:00 pm ET

[Register](https://unmc.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_B3dJRkcQSEyUyzdux_yzlg)

[**COVID-19 Update #63**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2063.pdf) **| Summary of** [**CMS Reporting Requirements**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Summary-CMS-Reporting-Requirements.pdf)

AHCA developed a [detailed summary](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Summary-CMS-Reporting-Requirements.pdf) of the [QSO memo](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/qso-20-29-nh.pdf) issued by CMS on May 6, 2020, including further information on requirements for notifying residents, representatives, and families of COVID cases, NHSN reporting requirements, and survey and enforcement of these new requirements.

**Attestation Period Extended for CARES Act Provider Relief Funds**

The U.S Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) announced that the attestation window and related acceptance of Terms and Conditions has been extended to 45 days, formerly 30 days, **from the date a provider received a payment to attest to and accept the Terms and Conditions or return the funds**. Members will need to identify the date of their initial funding relief payment and identify their new attestation and Terms and Conditions acceptance date based on the extension. In the [press release](https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/05/07/hhs-extends-deadline-attestation-acceptance-terms-and-conditions-provider-relief-fund-payments-45-days.html), DHHS offers an example of how the extension of the window will be operationalized.

**Quality of Care Fund Assessments**

1. The OHCA was mandated by the Oklahoma Legislature to assess a monthly service fee to each licensed nursing facility in the state. The fee is assessed on a per patient day basis. The amount of the fee is uniform for each facility type. The fee is determined as six percent (6%) of the average total gross receipts divided by the total days for each facility type.
2. Annually, the Nursing Facilities Quality of Care Fee shall be determined by using the daily patient census and patient gross receipts report received by the OHCA for the most recent available twelve months and annualizing those figures. Also, the fee will be monitored to never surpass the federal maximum.
3. The fee is authorized through the Medicaid State Plan and by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services regarding waiver of uniformity requirements related to the fee.
4. Monthly reports of Gross Receipts and Census are included in the monthly Quality of Care Report. The data required includes, but is not limited to, the Total Gross Receipts and Total Patient Days for the current monthly report.
5. **The method of collection is as follows**:

	1. The OHCA assesses each facility monthly based on the reported patient days from the Quality of Care Report filed two months prior to the month of the fee assessment billing. As defined in this subsection, the total assessment is the fee times the total days of service. The OHCA notifies the facility of its assessment by the end of the month of the Quality of Care Report submission date.
	2. Payment is due to the OHCA by the 15th of the following month. Failure to pay the amount by the 15th or failure to have the payment mailing postmarked by the 13th will result in a debt to the State of Oklahoma and is subject to penalties of 10 percent (10%) of the amount and interest of 1.25 percent (1.25%) per month. The Quality of Care Fee must be submitted no later than the 15th of the month. If the 15th falls upon a holiday or weekend (Saturday-Sunday), the fee is due by 5 p.m., Central Standard Time (CST), of the following business day (Monday-Friday).
	3. The monthly assessment, including applicable penalties and interest, must be paid regardless of any appeals action requested by the facility. If a provider fails to pay the OHCA the assessment within the time frames noted on the second invoice to the provider, the assessment, applicable penalty, and interest will be deducted from the facility's payment. Any change in payment amount resulting from an appeals decision will be adjusted in future payments. Adjustments to prior months' reported amounts for gross receipts or patient days may be made by filing an amended part C of the Quality of Care Report.
	4. The Quality of Care fee assessments excluding penalties and interest are an allowable cost for OHCA cost reporting purposes.
	5. The Quality of Care fund, which contains assessments collected including penalties and  interest as described in this subsection and any interest attributable to investment of any money in the fund, must be deposited in a revolving fund established in the State Treasury. The funds will be used pursuant to Section 2002 of Title 56 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

**Reporting of Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Funds on the Monthly Quality of Care Report**

1. Medicare Accelerated and Advance Payments-these payments should not be included in gross receipts.
2. Paycheck Protection Program Loan Guarantee-funds from this program should not be included in gross receipts.
3. Provider Relief Fund Grants-If the provider receives funds and attest to such within 30 days after receipt of the funds, these payments should be included in gross receipts Provider Relief Fund Grants-If the provider receives funds and attest to such within 30 days after receipt of the funds, these payments should be included in gross receipts

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**Spring Convention 2020**

This year we are preparing to hold a virtual spring convention & tradeshow – **Going for the Gold** in 2020.  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 conducting virtual convention during the entire month of June. More information to follow

**Care Providers Oklahoma COVID -19 Resource Page**

Please visit the [**COVID -19 Resource Page**](https://www.careoklahoma.com/covid-19-resource-page/) to find PPE suppliers, all the AHCA/NCAL COVID-19 Updates as well as CPO daily Member Updates.