Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of May 13, 2020

[**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?

[**CMS Letter**](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-nursing-home-worker-letter.pdf) **to Nursing Home Facility Management and Staff**

[**COVID-19 Update #66**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2066.pdf) **| White House Tells States to Test All Nursing Home Residents & Staff**

The White House recommended to state governors to test all residents and staff in nursing homes across the country within the next two weeks. This is not an order from the federal government. However, we expect to see states develop plans to put these recommendations into place to the extent feasible. Members should review AHCA/NCAL’s [testing guidance](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Testing-in-LTC.pdf).

[**COVID-19 Update #65**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2065.pdf) **| NHSN: Accurately Report Staffing & PPE Shortages**

NHSN COVID-19 mandated reporting for nursing homes has begun. AHCA recommends accurately reporting the staffing and PPE situation at nursing homes based on normal standards and guidance for PPE and staffing, not conservation guidance. Federal and state governments will use this data to hold nursing homes accountable for care and services provided and to identify who needs additional resources. It is important that the data reported to NHSN gives an accurate picture of staffing and PPE as well as the other areas collected in NHSN.

[**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.

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

Thursday, May 14, 2020

2:00 PM (Eastern Time)

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

**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)

**Weekly LTC COVID-19 Informational Call - Wednesday May 13th, 2020**

The Oklahoma State Department of Health, Regulation, Prevention and Preparedness will be hosting a COVID-19 webinar on Wednesday, May 13th from 1:00 to 2:30. The webinar will include information and discussion of the Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 including current guidance, best practices and questions and answer.  The webinar 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, May 13, 2020**  
**1:00 PM - 2:30 PM**

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

**Back to Basics Webinar Series - May 14, 2020: Effective Pain Management**

**1.25 CEU’s available for each session (12.5 total) (#W2043)**

Join us for part 4 of the 10-part webinar series presented by Linda Farrar, LNHA - where Linda will go “Back to the Basics” and discuss foundational items to improve your knowledge of different care areas.

**Time:**   2:00PM to 3:15PM CST  
**Cost:** Member CEU - $495 / Non-Member CEU - $990  
(reflects a 10% discount for full series purchase and access to recordings)

**Target Audience**: Administrators, Director of Nursing, Assistant Director of Nursing, Nurse Managers, Quality Improvement Nurses, Registered Nurses, QAPI Personnel

**REGISTER ON-LINE AT** [WWW.CAREOKLAHOMA.COM/WEBINARS](http://WWW.CAREOKLAHOMA.COM/WEBINARS)

**Care Providers Oklahoma NOW OFFERING CMA 8-hour Update class online!**   
Care Providers Oklahoma is now offering [on demand education](https://careoklahoma.nextthought.io/login/) including the **CMA 8-hour update**.  The class is $55. Simply login to [https://careoklahoma.nextthought.io](https://careoklahoma.nextthought.io/) and click Get Started to create an account - search for the course "**CMA**" to purchase and complete anywhere - anytime.

**LIFE SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS DURING THE MANAGEMENT OF COVID-19**

**May 28, 2020 – 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon Live Webinar**

**COURSE OVERVIEW:**

This interactive presentation for ALL long-term care facilities—assisted living and skilled nursing—will address critical Life Safety considerations during the management of an infectious disease outbreak like COVID-19. Several Life Safety issues have emerged due to nationwide “shelter-in-place” orders that have impacted Life Safety Code compliance (NFPA 101, 2012 edition as enforced by CMS).

The webinar will give attendees the opportunity to hear common issues with Life Safety Code compliance during the management of an infectious disease outbreak, as well as learn potential solutions to help ensure a safe and compliant environment of care.

Topics will include:

* Conducting Fire Drills
* Emergency Operation Plan—Modifications/Additions
* Inspections, Testing & Maintenance of Fire Protection and Life Safety Systems
* Alcohol-based Hand Rub solution—Utilization and Storage
* Storage Practices – Change of Use,
* Means of Egress
* Isolation Areas – Temporary Barriers
* Open Forum

**\*\*Stan will cover the most recent 1135 waiver that will provide some relief to providers\*\***

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**:

$77.25 per facility Member Rate

$180.25 per facility Non‐Member Rate

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION –** [**www.careoklahoma.com/Webinars**](http://www.careoklahoma.com/Webinars)

NAB CEU’s will only be available per registration - 1.5 CEUs will be granted per registration for the live webinar presentation. NAB #20210527‐1.50‐A67268‐DL

**SPEAKER:**

Stan Szpytek is the President of Fire and Life Safety, Inc. (FLS) and a founding member of the Emergency Management Alliance (EMA). FLS is a consulting firm that provides life safety, risk management, and emergency preparedness programs for providers of all types with special focus on long term care facilities and senior services. Mr. Szpytek is a former deputy fire chief and fire marshal with a Chicago area fire department having served the community for 26 years and honorably retired in 2003. He is also the Life Safety/ Disaster Planning Consultant for the Arizona Health Care Association (AzHCA) and California Association of Health Facilities (CAHF) and works with several state health care associations around the country.

**ICD-10 Diagnosis Coding Training (#W2051)**   
This class will be an in-depth review of intermediate ICD-10 coding process. Training will include practice of coding, to ensure attendees comprehension of objectives reviewed.

**Training Objectives:**

1. Review of intermediate ICD-10 principles
2. Chapter specific guidelines pertinent to the Skilled Nursing Facility setting
3. “Real World” Coding Examples

**When:** June 9, 2020

**Where:** Webinar - Online

**Class:** 9:00am – 12:00pm

**Cost:** $77.25 member without CEU’s /$180.25 non-member without CEU’s   
           $103.00 member with CEU’s / $206.00 non-member with CEU’s

Speaker: Maureen McCarthy, RN, BS, RAC-MT, QCP-MT, is the President of Celtic Consulting, LLC and CEO and founder of Care Transitions, LLP; a post discharge care management service provider. Maureen has been a registered nurse for over 30 years with experience as an MDS Coordinator, Director of Nursing, Rehab Director and a Medicare Biller. She sits on the Board of Directors for the American Association of Post-Acute Care Nurses (AAPACN) and is an Expert Advisory Panel member for American Association of Nurse Assessment Coordination (AANAC). McCarthy was recently presented with the ACHCA 2018 Education Award, at the ACHCA Annual Convocation & Exposition in Orlando, FL. McCarthy is dually certified in both the resident assessment process and QAPI by nationally recognized organizations and holds Master Teacher status in both.

CEU’s: 3 hours of continuing education for RCAL/NH/ADC Administrators. This program has been approved for Continuing Education for 3 total participant hours by NAB/NCERS –Approval #20210508-3.00-A67285-DL. Care Providers Oklahoma will submit CEU’s to NAB. Only 1 person per registration may receive CEU’s.

 Register Online – [www.careoklahoma.com/Webinars](https://careoklahoma-my.sharepoint.com/personal/juliet_careoklahoma_com/Documents/Microsoft%20Teams%20Chat%20Files/www.careoklahoma.com/Webinars)

**U.S. Voters Strongly Support More Funding for Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Communities in Response to Coronavirus Pandemic**

According to a new national [survey](https://www.ahcancal.org/News/news_releases/Documents/Survey-Memo-AHCA-NCAL.pdf) , a vast majority of U.S. voters believe long term care facilities, including nursing homes and assisted living communities, need more support from the government and the lack of support thus far has negatively impacted their ability to protect seniors. By a three-to-one margin, voters say that nursing homes and assisted living communities need more money for personal protective equipment (PPE), staff, and increased testing capabilities.

## **Civil Money Penalty (CMP) Reinvestment Application Template** **COVID-19 Communicative Technology Request**

**The following only applies to nursing homes and skilled nursing facilities.**

CMS has recognized the potential hardship and difficulty visitation restrictions has placed on nursing home residents and their families.  Therefore, CMS has developed an application template for requests for the use of Civil Money Penalty (CMP) Reinvestment funds to provide residents with adaptive communicative technologies.

State Agencies had to meet specific guidelines in order to offer the application. The Oklahoma State Department of Health Civil Money Penalty Program is pleased to announce we have received approval from CMS to extend the offer for nursing homes to submit applications for communicative technology devices.

The purpose of this application is to provide a template to assist you in providing the required information we will need to make a timely determination on the request for the use of funds.

**Applications must provide a statement to address the following criteria.**

* Devices must be able to support both virtual social and telehealth visits (e.g. the devices must connect to the internet, have appropriate installed software such as FaceTime or GoogleMeet).
* Identify any internet or WIFI issues that may be present for your area such as metered or limited service availability.
* Specify measures taken to safeguard devices from loss, theft, or misuse.
* Applications must be on the COVID-19 Communicative Technology Application Template.
* Include a quote for the expected cost of the devices and accessories, if any.
* Applicants must only include requests for funds to purchase communicative technology devices (e.g. iPads, tablets, webcams) and accessories (e.g. headphones, protective covers).
* The application should not include requests for items identified as prohibited (travel, administrative costs).

State agencies can approve applications that meet the defined CMS parameters without review by CMS. CMS anticipates that this process will reduce the amount of time needed to review and approve the use of funds for communicative technology.

The following guidance must be completed in order to be considered for funding:

* [Communicative Technology Cover Letter Instructions](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA1MTIuMjEzOTU2NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5vay5nb3YvaGVhbHRoMi9kb2N1bWVudHMvQ01QJTIwdGVjaG5vbG9neSUyMGNvdmVyJTIwbGV0dGVyXzIwMjBfMDVfMTIucGRmIn0.3PF8PO-7DhYdtWPGuBgVuIFlYjfK7P6I29IdXl_-rQc/br/78525816407-l)
* [COVID-19 Communicative Technology Application Template](https://lnks.gd/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDEsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyMDA1MTIuMjEzOTU2NTEiLCJ1cmwiOiJodHRwczovL3d3dy5vay5nb3YvaGVhbHRoMi9kb2N1bWVudHMvQ09WSUQtMTlfQXBwbGljYXRpb24lMjBUZW1wbGF0ZV9fRmluYWxfNTA4XzIwMjAwNDE2LnBkZiJ9.pejoYkEnEw_1Jk--ABuZAHJVzcJXf_QB2A-hQG7QWfo/br/78525816407-l)

**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.