Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of May 15, 2020

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

National Skilled Nursing Care Week® (NSNCW) recognizes the essential role of skilled nursing care centers in caring for America’s frail, elderly, and disabled. 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 have you recognized your staff and residents this year during National Skilled Nursing Care Week?

**What is PRIDE?**

A quality metric analytic system **P**roviding **R**ealtime **I**mprovement and **D**elivering **E**xcellence

Find out more about carePRIDE and watch this [informative Podcast](https://youtu.be/MUmTd5f48hg) with CEO/President, Steven Buck and Director of Professional Development, Natashia Mason R.N., RAC-CT.

**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 including our Platinum Business Associate Member, APN Healthcare that has a large supply of procedure masks, KN95 masks and hand sanitizer on hand as well as other standard stock items available for immediate shipment.

**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.

**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 NAB CEUs for our members and non-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. Registration opens on April 19th. Register online at careoklahom.com/2020-conference

[**COVID-19 Update #67**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2067.pdf) **| NHSN Trainings & Reporting Accurately**

The staff for the National Healthcare Safety Network’s [LTCF COVID-19 Module](https://www.cdc.gov/nhsn/ltc/covid19/index.html) continue to offer virtual trainings and office hour sessions to assist LTCFs with enrollment and data submission. Please see today’s trainings:

**Distributing Temporary Identification Numbers**

Friday, May 15, 2020

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM ET

[Register](https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_iL9PkynnR7ifuEQdoaobXg)

**Completing Final Steps of NHSN Enrollment**

Friday, May 15, 2020

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM ET

[Register](https://cdc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_SljMDQx2TD6ZL4wRzvzNLg)

**Reporting Accurately to NHSN COVID-19**

As a reminder, keep documentation of efforts to secure more PPE as well as staffing. Report to your local and state health departments if employing contingency and crisis strategies to conserve PPE and staffing.

**CMS Issues Nursing Homes Best Practices Toolkit to Combat COVID-19**

CMS released a new [toolkit](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-toolkit-states-mitigate-covid-19-nursing-homes.pdf) intended to serve as a catalog of resources dedicated to addressing the specific challenges facing nursing homes as they combat COVID-19. CMS says the toolkit provides resources and direction for quality improvement assistance and can help in the creation and implementation of strategies and interventions intended to manage and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within nursing homes. The toolkit outlines best practices for a variety of subjects ranging from infection control to workforce and staffing. It also provides contact information for organizations who stand ready to assist with the unique challenges posed by caring for individuals in long-term care settings.

**QIN-QIOs Targeting Assistance to Nursing Homes with Infection Control Deficiencies**

CMS has contracted with 12 Quality Innovation Network-Quality Improvement Organizations (QIN-QIOs) to work with providers, community partners, beneficiaries and caregivers on data-driven quality improvement initiatives designed to improve the quality of care for beneficiaries across the United States. The QIN-QIOs are reaching out to nursing homes across the country to provide virtual technical assistance for homes that have an opportunity for improvement based on an analysis of previous citations for infection control deficiencies using publicly available data found on Nursing Home Compare.

**CMS Releases Additional Blanket Waivers**

CMS issued additional [waivers](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/summary-covid-19-emergency-declaration-waivers.pdf) for the healthcare community that provide the flexibilities needed to take care of patients during the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE). This is in addition to the waivers that were released on April 30. The following blanket waivers are in effect, with a retroactive effective date of March 1, 2020 through the end of the emergency declaration.

**Paid Feeding Assistants**

CMS is modifying the minimum timeframe requirements for feeding assistant training to allow the training to be a minimum of 1 hour in length. CMS is not waiving any other requirements related to paid feeding assistants or the required training content which contains infection control training and other elements. Additionally, CMS is also not waiving or modifying the requirements which requires that a feeding assistant must work under the supervision of a registered nurse (RN) or licensed practical nurse (LPN). With this waiver, AHCA/NCAL’s [Temporary Feeding Assistant training](https://educate.ahcancal.org/products/temporary-feeding-assistant) is allowable. However, additional state requirements may need to be waived to permit individuals completing this program to assist with care in your location. We encourage you to contact your state survey agencies and state occupational licensing agencies, where applicable.

**Specific Life Safety Code (LSC) for Multiple Providers**

CMS is waiving and modifying waivers under for ICF/IIDs and SNF/NFs. Specifically, CMS is modifying these requirements as follows:

**Alcohol-based Hand-Rub (ABHR) Dispensers**: CMS is waiving the requirements for the placement of ABHR dispensers for use by staff and others due to the need for the increased use of ABHR. However, ABHRs contain ethyl alcohol, which is considered a flammable liquid, and there are restrictions on the storage and location of the containers. This includes restricting access by certain patient/resident populations to prevent accidental ingestion.

Due to the increased fire risk for bulk containers (over five gallons) those will still need to be stored in a protected hazardous materials area. In addition, facilities should continue to protect ABHR dispensers against inappropriate use.

**Fire Drills**: Due to the inadvisability of quarterly fire drills that move and bring staff together, CMS will instead permit a documented orientation training program related to the current fire plan, which considers current facility conditions. The training should instruct employees, including existing, new, or temporary employees, on their current duties, life safety procedures and the fire protection devices in their assigned area.

**Temporary Construction**: CMS is waiving requirements that would otherwise not permit temporary walls and barriers between patients.

**Hospital Swing Bed Waiver**

The new blanket [waivers](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/summary-covid-19-emergency-declaration-waivers.pdf) include a waiver expanding the ability of hospitals to offer long-term care services to patients who do not require acute care but meet the SNF level of care criteria. CMS is waiving the eligibility requirements for hospital providers of long-term care services (swing beds) at 42 CFR 482.58(a)(1)-(4) to allow hospitals to establish SNF swing beds payable under the SNF prospective payment system (PPS). This waiver provides additional options for hospitals with patients who no longer require acute care but are unable to find placement in a SNF.

**Guidance on Documentation for Use of COVID-19 SNF Reimbursement Waivers**

The CMS [waivers](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/summary-covid-19-emergency-declaration-waivers.pdf) also consider requirements that would normally be in place for providers to receive reimbursement under Medicare or Medicaid. Most significant were the waiver of the 3-day prior inpatient hospital stay and the 60- day break in spell-of-illness requirements for SNF Part A benefit eligibility.

**Telligen Office Hours**

Telligen’s Post-Acute Care Collaborative Office Hours, **Wednesday, May 20, 2020 from 11:00 am-11:30 am.** This interactive session will feature special guest speakers, Dr. Steven Crawford and Dr. Dan Duffy, sharing what the clinician leadership of the Oklahoma Primary Healthcare Improvement Cooperative have learned the past four weeks from clinician weekly round-tables to understand the issues practices are experiencing and providing help in answering their questions.

**Dr. Steven Crawford is** theSenior Associate Dean and Director for Healthcare Innovation and Policy at the University of Oklahoma’s College of Medicine. He is a Professor of Family and Preventive Medicine and the former Chair of the OU College of Medicine’s Department of Family and Preventive Medicine.

**Dr. Dan Duff**y is an internal medicine and medical informatics physician from the OU-TU School of Community Medicine, where he served as Dean and holds the Steve Landgarten Chair of Medical Leadership. Since 2015, he has been the Principal Investigator of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality’s EvidenceNow Healthy Hearts for Oklahoma research project and Co-Director of the Oklahoma Healthcare Improvement Cooperative.

Dr. Christine LaRocca, Medical Director for Telligen will be joining the Q & A to help answer participants’ questions.

[Register](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__telligenqinqio.zoom.us_meeting_register_tJModO2prj0tHtE2UedsBd-2Duz4-5F5wlUj97pO&d=DwMF3g&c=VjzId-SM5S6aVB_cCGQ0d3uo9UfKByQ3sI6Audoy6dY&r=7fI9avXgO0-o-gWSuzQzQ4fLzJWlklyjf1sCU1Twbqk&m=xFkn285JrVuDfmps3oGluUMGyFcDrchqwb4QDSegJ8s&s=7i0P03vMH-yAmOHxx0IZsy9EASecSls_H0OZVFTAcNk&e=) in advance for this meeting: After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

**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)

**FEMA/HHS N95 Decontamination**

On April 10, Battelle ([Battelle New Release](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:64966df8-eaf8-4f58-bc20-904c6ecb7be0)) was awarded the contract by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) on behalf of the U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to [decontaminate N95s](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:18cfdda0-6061-421e-9a30-a2ac53b5b4e0) at no cost—it is [free for the users](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:db3d9a54-04bd-4d35-8750-36ec0d94f5e6)—for the coming months. There are 60 [decontamination units](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:f3ce0702-8892-4b35-b894-a3cb99402dfe) going in across the country and Oklahoma’s should be fully up and running by the end of May, ready to process up to 80,000 N95 each day.

The full website is: [www.battelle.org/decon](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.battelle.org%2Fdecon&data=02%7C01%7Clkent%40haponline.org%7Ce415f4add9f247e7baf608d7e5e27cca%7C1692ff9ee33d47179da03289fc36435d%7C1%7C0%7C637230633980133509&sdata=J4cZWwmRCelA0zMhTnq3eTUJ5gEyeNrEDUf37pGR9XU%3D&reserved=0).

Sign up for the service [here](https://nam04.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.battelle.org%2Finquiry%2Fofferings-and-services%2Fcovid-response&data=02%7C01%7Clkent%40haponline.org%7Ce415f4add9f247e7baf608d7e5e27cca%7C1692ff9ee33d47179da03289fc36435d%7C1%7C0%7C637230633980133509&sdata=J4245psCiHmUR3AbfVHbyxrdG0njA0O640KxgYboOG0%3D&reserved=0)

Again, this is free to users. We just want to ensure that the front-line health providers have the equipment they need.

**OSHA Publication for Nursing Homes**

Here is [the link](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.osha.gov%2FPublications%2FOSHA4025.pdf&data=02%7C01%7CDelucca.Jorge%40dol.gov%7Ccb75e0a6a9194270d1b708d7f82cca58%7C75a6305472044e0c9126adab971d4aca%7C0%7C0%7C637250743572220339&sdata=g9iuT7IssvR0o3pL0Qlxs1%2FDf%2F7RxB9Ij%2B8pdZPP7P8%3D&reserved=0) for a new OSHA publication for Nursing homes during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Here is the [Spanish](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.osha.gov%2FPublications%2FOSHA4026.pdf&data=02%7C01%7CDelucca.Jorge%40dol.gov%7Ccb75e0a6a9194270d1b708d7f82cca58%7C75a6305472044e0c9126adab971d4aca%7C0%7C0%7C637250743572230291&sdata=Y8DDbAWE4p5BW2dPwwgpMrPYFytiPVdFmxWC27xlQ08%3D&reserved=0) version