**Here are Care Providers Oklahoma latest updates as of May 19, 2020**

On Friday afternoon, the Oklahoma Health Care Authority announced plans to sunset it’s Employer Sponsored Insurance (ESI) option.  This unique partnership has been a successful tool for provision of health insurance for several years.  To help prepare for public comment, Care Providers Oklahoma needs feedback from our members on the number of covered lives within our sector that depend upon the Insure Oklahoma ESI for health insurance.  If you utilize ESI as an employer, please take this [brief survey](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TXRKWWF).

**Insure Oklahoma (IO) Program Phase-out: December 31, 2020, contingent upon CMS approval**

[With this request](https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/track?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:1a57796d-065f-4c90-bd57-2f99598b6101), OHCA seeks CMS approval for the phase-out of the Insure Oklahoma program within the 1112(a) demonstration Special Terms and Conditions of the current demonstration that is in effect until December 31, 2023. OHCA will be holding virtual public hearings on this proposal as follows:

**VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING**

June 8, 2020 at 1 p.m.

Register for Zoom session below:

<https://okhca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6KeQjdf1QGeiXGkJySIMBw>

**Therapeutic Leave Days Increase**

The Oklahoma Healthcare Authority has received approval to increase the number of therapeutic leave days for NFs and ICF/IIDs during the public health emergency period. NF leave days will increase by 3 days, from the current 7 days, and ICF/IID leave days will increase by 10 days, from the current 60 days. Also, the 14 consecutive days per absence provision will be waived for ICF/IIDs during this period.

**Nursing Home Reporting Requirement**

For the first time, all 15,000 nursing homes will be reporting this data directly to the CDC through its reporting tool. With the new regulatory requirements, nursing homes are **required to** **report the first week of data to the CDC beginning May 8 but no later than May 17**. Additionally, to report, facilities must enroll in the CDC’s National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN). Information on how to enroll is available[here](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=65030741&msgid=519987&act=H6JM&c=1185304&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fnhsn%2Fltc%2Fcovid19%2Fenroll.html&cf=6316&v=378b1cc1e6f0bcd0aeae906b27b064c224acd492ba0b07fd51ed3216e282b8ad).As nursing homes report this data to the CDC, we will be taking swift action and publicly posting this information, so all Americans have access to accurate and timely information on COVID-19 in nursing homes. More information on the COVID-19 NHSN module can be found [here](https://click.icptrack.com/icp/relay.php?r=65030741&msgid=519987&act=H6JM&c=1185304&destination=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fnhsn%2Fltc%2Fcovid19%2Findex.html&cf=6316&v=a9f0b90569271b116edae5d1e3e5585631ce6fcfecf4c4e3ac44cbb3ba8f915c).

**REMINDER: CMS Coronavirus Partner Virtual Toolkit**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is taking action to protect the health and safety of our nation’s patients and providers in the wake of the 2019 Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. CMS is amplifying information from CDC as well as issuing guidance specific to the populations we serve. To help you stay up to date on CMS and HHS materials available on the Coronavirus, a virtual toolkit has been posted.  We encourage you to share resources, bookmark the page, and check back often for the most up to date info.

<https://www.cms.gov/outreach-education/partner-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-partner-toolkit>

**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.

**Virtual Spring Convention Registration Opens Today!**

Join Care Providers Oklahoma for their first Virtual Convention and Trade Show.  Over 16 hours of NAB approved continuing education will be available for licensed long-term care administrators.  There will be sessions available for Administration, Nursing, Food Service, Environmental Services, MDS Coordinators, ICF-IID, and Home Care Administration.  Our Virtual Trade Show will offer information on products and services offered to the Long-Term Care Industry.  Our Business Associate Members and vendors will provide information to our attendees via Company Promotional Videos, Podcast Interviews, Article submissions and more.

This virtual convention and trade show will be conducted the whole month of June.  Registration will be open from May 19 until June 30.  You will be able to watch recorded webinars and view vendor information at your leisure.  All webinars and quiz's must be completed, and payment received by July 15 or ceu's will not be submitted.

Beginning June 1, invitations for you to join the convention will be sent as registrations are received.  If you register before June 1 your invitation will not be sent until June 1.

We are excited to offer this FIRST EVER virtual convention and trade show and we look forward to receiving feedback.

Each registrant will receive a FREE convention t-shirt! Additional t-shirts will be available for purchase for $15

**Registration opens Today. Register online at** [**careoklahom.com/2020-conference**](https://www.careoklahoma.com/2020-conference/)

**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.

[**COVID-19 Update #68**](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/Update%2068.pdf) **| CMS Issues Nursing Home Reopening Recommendations for State and Local Officials**

CMS provided [recommendations](https://www.cms.gov/medicareprovider-enrollment-and-certificationsurveycertificationgeninfs-states-and-regopolicy-and/nursing-home-reopening-recommendations-state-and-local-officials) on a nursing home phased reopening for states. The recommendations cover the following items: Recommendations for testing residents and staff, Dedicated space for cohorting residents with COVID-19, Criteria for relaxing certain restrictions and mitigating the risk of resurgence, Visitation and service considerations and Restoration of survey activities.

**Infection Prevention Control Officer (IPCO) Version 2 Training Now Available with BONUS COVID-19 Content**

The emergence of COVID-19 has compounded the need for centers to have an effective infection prevention and control program. AHCA/NCAL’s new and expanded version of its popular Infection Preventionist Specialized Training, [IPCO Version 2](https://educate.ahcancal.org/p/ipcov2) is now available. The online training is recommended for individuals responsible for infection prevention and control in all long-term care settings, including assisted living communities. IPCO Version 2 is designed to train the Infection Preventionists to run a comprehensive infection prevention and control program. It is also now available for administrators to take to gain a deeper understanding of the infection prevention and control in the overall operation of a nursing facility. AHCA/NCAL recommends that each skilled nursing facility train at least two Infection Preventionists through [AHCA/NCAL’s IPCO training program](https://educate.ahcancal.org/p/ipcov2) should one Infection Preventionist leave the facility. As an added feature to all participants registered for the IPCO Version 2 program, bonus content related to COVID-19 is included. The bonus content includes topics such as: Interim COVID-19 Guidance, courses on PPE, and N95 mask use.

**OSHA Alert on Nursing Home and Long-Term Care Workers' Safety**

The US Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration released [guidance](https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA4025.pdf) aimed at protecting nursing homes and long-term care facilities workers from exposure to COVID-19. Many of the recommendations are based on CDC guidance including optimizing PPE, screening workers, and sending sick workers home.

**Updated CARES Act Provider Relief Fund FAQs**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has posted a reorganized and updated set of [Provider Relief Fund FAQs](https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/provider-relief-fund-general-distribution-faqs.pdf). Structurally, the document now is broken out by Allocation type: Targeted, General, Uninsured, Rural and Indian Health Services. FAQs of interest to AHCA/NCAL members that have received grants, specifically SNFs, include:

**Additional detail on Attestation** – DHHS provides information on accepting funds, rejecting funds, as well as how to accept one award but reject another.

**Publication of Payment Data** – Through a CDC data portal, DHHS now is displaying award data by provider name and award amount. Tax Identification Numbers (TIN) and provider type are not included in the [database available here](https://data.cdc.gov/Administrative/HHS-Provider-Relief-Fund/kh8y-3es6). DHHS notes in the FAQs is does not intend to add data elements such as NPIs, TINs, or other provider identification details.

**Tranche 2 General Allocation Formula** – DHHS show the formula and discusses why a provider that received a Tranche 1 allocation might not have received a Tranche 2 allocation.

**Payment Portal** – DHHS offers guidance on how providers without a TIN, such as county owned providers may attest and/or apply for funding.

**Additional Payments** – Additional detail is provided on requesting additional funds in the context of the 2% limit.

**Economic Impact Payments for Social Security and SSI Beneficiaries with Representative Payees**

The Social Security Administration recently issued an update that beneficiaries who have their regular monthly payments managed for them by another person, called a representative payee, will begin receiving their economic impact payments (EIPs) from the IRS in late May. More details on these payments can be found in this [SSA press release](https://www.ssa.gov/news/press/releases/2020/#5-2020-1). You may also find information about the eligibility requirements and other information about the Economic Impact Payments [here](https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/economic-impact-payment-information-center). In addition, please continue to visit the IRS at [www.irs.gov/coronavirus](https://d.docs.live.net/f58020fd6d849554/www.irs.gov/coronavirus) for the latest information. Social Security will continue to update the agency’s[COVID-19 web page](https://www.ssa.gov/coronavirus/) with additional information.

**H.R. 6800, The HEROES Act Passes the House**

The United States House of Representatives passed H.R. 6800, The HEROES Act, another piece of legislation aimed at addressing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. This bill was passed largely along party lines with most Democrats voting for it and Republicans voting against the package. Leader McConnell has stated that he will not bring up this legislation in the Senate. The Senate is likely to craft its own bill.

**LTC COVID-19 CALL**, **Wednesday May 20th, 2020**

The Oklahoma State Department of Health, Regulation, Prevention and Preparedness will be hosting a COVID-19 webinar on Wednesday, May 20th 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 20, 2020**1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

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

**Telligen Office Hours Tomorrow**

Telligen’s Post-Acute Care Collaborative Office Hours, **Tomorrow 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)