

September 18, 2020

Re: Hospice in Long-Term Care Facilities

All Licensed Long-Term Care Facilities:

Per the Public Health Order dated 03/24/20, Home Health/Hospice Care Workers or aides are considered “essential”. The Public Health Order dated 03/13/20 restricting visitors for Nursing Homes and the follow-up letter dated 03/26/20 extending the order to Assisted Living Facilities was intended to limit resident’s visitors, not their healthcare providers.


Healthcare provider and physician should evaluate which services/care can wait, be done telephonically, or can be completed by facility staff and which services/care are considered essential and cannot wait, with the intention to limit all unnecessary exposure to residents.

Please note that on 06/04/20, the Governor and Secretary Scrase approved the below hospice protocol:

“Hospice nurse documents in NF record that the end of life is probable within 30’ days AND family follows ALL NF guidance related to symptom checking, Temp checking, PPE, etc. “

Should you have questions please contact me at 505-252-4494.

Sincerely,



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