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Nursing facilities must complete CMS COVID-19 training to receive 4.2% rate increase

In response to the public health emergency due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) is asking nursing facilities (NFs) to complete the following training from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The training is available through the <u>CMS Quality, Safety & Education Portal</u> (<u>QSEP</u>) at cms.gov.

- Targeted COVID-19 Training for Frontline Nursing Home Staff
- Targeted COVID-19 Training for Nursing Home Management

Attestation

Facilities that complete the training and submit their completed Attestation Statement to the State by December 30, 2020, will have their temporary COVID-19 rate increase of 4.2% extended through December 30, 2020.

Providers can access the Attestation Statement from the <u>Myers & Stauffer provider portal</u> at mslc.com/indiana/announcements.

Only one statement from each facility should be submitted to the Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP). Providers should submit the Attestation Statement to the IHCP reimbursement mailbox at FSSA.IHCPReimbursement@fssa.in.gov. Providers



must use their facility's 9-digit Medicaid provider number on the Attestation Statement.

Note: The IHCP reimbursement mailbox address (above) is also at the bottom of the attestation form.

More about the training

There are two separate trainings. One training consists of five modules designed for frontline clinical staff; and the other training consists of ten modules designed for nursing home management.

The Targeted COVID-19 Training for Frontline Nursing Home Staff is intended for *clinical staff*. This applies to all staff who by virtue of their job titles and duties provide direct care for residents.

The Targeted COVID-19 Training for Nursing Home Management is intended for *administrative staff*. This applies to all staff who by virtue of their job titles and duties provide administrative oversight to direct care staff.

The OMPP will allow the NF's educator staff to complete both trainings in order to give facility-directed, in-service instruction to frontline and management staff. Providers must ensure that all staff complete their training, whether via the QSEP (portal) or facility in-service training, and attest to completion.

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Also, providers must keep a record of the completed training on file at the facility for possible audit purposes.

Additionally, the OMPP requires a facility that employs any new clinical or management staff during November and December to have new hires complete the training within 2 weeks of being hired.

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