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EVENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC

I. COVID-19 INFECTION CONTROL GUIDANCE UPDATE: ([Click Here](#))

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) has updated COVID-19 infection control guidance for healthcare facilities. The CDC has provided a summary of strategies to optimize the supply of N95 masks during the COVID-19 pandemic.

II. UPDATES FROM THE WHITE HOUSE & CMS:

On April 19th, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued new recommendations specifically targeted to communities that are in Phase 1 of the Guidelines for President Trump's Opening Up America Again with low incidence or relatively low and stable incidence of COVID-19 cases. The recommendations update earlier guidance provided by CMS on limiting non-essential surgeries and medical procedures. The new CMS guidelines recommend a gradual transition and encourage health care providers to coordinate with local and state public health officials, and review the availability of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other supplies, workforce availability, facility readiness, and testing capacity when making the decision to re-start or increase in-person care.

The new recommendations can be found here:

<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid-flexibility-reopen-essential-non-covid-services.pdf>

The Guidelines for Opening Up America Again can be found here:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/#criteria>

III. INTERIM PROCEDURE FOR QIO REVIEWS: ([Click Here](#))

Attached is the interim procedure for Alliant Contract Compliance Reviews and Follow-up Reviews during the COVID-19 emergency.

IV. APPENDIX K APPROVAL ([Click Here](#))

SCDHHS received approval from CMS for the Appendix K on April, 21, 2020. Through development and completion of the Appendix K, several items were identified to be under DDSN's native authority or other executive orders and have already been implemented. A copy of the approved Appendix K for DDSN operated Waivers is attached. Be on the lookout for a communication from DHHS for further information. Over the coming days, DDSN will work closely with DHHS to implement the remaining items covered in the Appendix K.