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EVENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC

I. CMS ISSUES COVID-19 FAQs FOR NON LTC FACILITIES AND ICFS/IID

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has issued a FAQ document to clarify existing guidance and flexibilities around COVID-19 and provide stakeholders with additional information based on questions received regarding the following entities: Ambulatory Surgical Centers (ASCs); Hospitals & Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs); Hospice; Rural Health Clinics (RHCs)/Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs); and, most significantly to state IDD service systems, Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs/IID).

CMS points out that regulations regarding ICF/IID discharge have not been waived, meaning that “a discharge, even on a temporary emergency basis, requires that key developmental, behavioral, social, health and nutritional information be shared with the accepting facility in the community or non-facility provider.” CMS is “aware that staffing shortages and/or client surges due to the Public Health Emergency (PHE) creates a high demand on available staff time that makes it difficult to complete a full discharge summary for each client,” and indicates that “each ICF will need to evaluate what amount and detail of documentation is necessary to ensure that critical health information is shared with the accepting facility or other provider.”

According to the FAQ, “clients who are admitted on a temporary emergency basis to an ICF during the PHE will nonetheless continue to need to have a Comprehensive Functional Assessment (CFA) and an Individual Program Plan (IPP) in accordance with 42 CFR 483.440(c).

The FAQ also indicates that “when a client has tested positive for COVID-19 and the ICF/IID implements quarantine procedures... the ICF/IID must revise the client’s IPP to reflect specific procedures and steps that will be taken to quarantine the client while also taking every step reasonable to protect the rights, safety, and health of the infected client, as well as those of the staff and other clients.”

FMI: The FAQs can be found [HERE](#).

II. SCEMD SUMMARY OF RESOURCES

The SC Emergency Management Division has put together a comprehensive list of all COVID-19 relief and recovery funds available in South Carolina. The document lists all federal recovery funds and state allocations as well as the agency responsible for the management of the funds and can be accessed via the following link: <https://ddsn.sc.gov/sites/ddsn/files/Documents/Provider/Emergency%20Management/COVID19%20Recovery%20Funding%20Resource%20List%206.22.2020.pdf>.

III. CDC GUIDANCE-FOOD SAFETY PRECAUTIONS [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

Coronaviruses, like the one that causes COVID-19, are thought to spread mostly person-to-person through respiratory droplets when someone coughs, sneezes, or talks. It is possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object, including food or food packaging, that has the virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose, or possibly their eyes. CDC Guidance has been provided for review.