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Date: August 11, 2020

To: All Nursing Facilities
All Assisted Living Facilities
All Residential Care Facilities

RE: Long Term Care Facility Testing Rule
[Oregon Administrative Rule 411-060](#)

Dear Providers:

On August 10th, we amended the emergency rule related to testing in nursing facilities, residential care facilities and assisted living facilities. In summary, the changes are as follows:

- Modified the definition of “Associated Staff” to only include individuals providing direct care, environmental services and food services via a contractual relationship with the facility.
- Removed all references to prior authorization of testing providers.
- Clarified that private rooms/quarantining should be used for new admissions to the extent the facility’s capacity/census permits private rooms to be used.

The full rule may be accessed [here](#):

The Department will reimburse associated staff testing costs that occurred under the previous, more expansive definition of associated staff for testing occurring through August 14, 2020. Previous administrator alerts on this topic are located [here](#).

Thank you for your continued efforts during this pandemic.

Michael McCormick, Interim Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul A.", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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