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To: All Nursing Facilities

From: Safety, Oversight and Quality
DHS Aging and People with Disabilities Program

RE: Compliance with Residents' Voting Rights

Please see the [CMS MEMO QSO-21-02-NH](#) for review.

Summary of CMS Memorandum:

- *The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) is affirming the continued right of nursing home residents to exercise their right to vote.*
- While the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency has resulted in limitations for visitors to enter the facility to assist residents, nursing homes must still ensure residents are able to exercise their Constitutional right to vote.
- States, localities, and nursing home owners and administrators are encouraged to collaborate to ensure a resident's right to vote is not impeded.

If you have any questions, please contact your licensing team:

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