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



Re: COVID-19 Testing Reimbursement Update

Dear Providers:

The purpose of this alert is to update facilities on:

- the status of the reimbursement fund for routine, serial testing of staff members and;
- continued availability of testing reimbursement for baseline testing ordered by Governor Brown.

Non-Initial and Routine Testing of Staff Members:

On April 23, 2020, the Legislative Emergency Board approved funding for COVID-19 testing cost reimbursement of frontline workers. The allocation for long term care facilities was \$2.5 million, which APD began reimbursing in July 2020. As of October 29, 2020, those funds have been depleted.

The demand was greater than the funds allocated, and we have invoices that we are unable to process. We have responded to all the providers that submitted invoices that we did not process. If you have an invoice that you submitted and am unsure if it was processed, you may email:

Testing.Reimbursement@dhsosha.state.or.us

The Department is hopeful that more funding will be allocated to reimburse facilities for routine staff testing required in OAR 411-060-0027. If additional funding is allocated, we will resume processing requests for reimbursement in the order they are received. We will also issue an updated Administrator Alert informing providers of the availability of this resource.

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Baseline Testing of Residents and Staff Members:

In response to a directive from Governor Brown, ODHS adopted administrative rules requiring facilities to test all staff and residents prior to September 30, 2020. Facilities that elected to use their own testing service, in lieu of the State's contracted vendor, are able to submit claims for reimbursement. In order to be eligible for reimbursement, the costs:

- Must have been incurred between June 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020.
- Must have been incurred by an APD-licensed nursing facility, residential care facility or assisted living facility.
- Must not have been paid for through other reimbursement mechanisms such as private or public insurance. Must be documented and available for post-payment audit.
- Must be submitted on a Department designated form.

The required invoice form is attached. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to submit any additional claims as quickly as possible to:

Testing.Reimbursement@dhsosha.state.or.us.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Leading Age Oregon
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