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**REF:** NF-20-109 – Provider Alert

**Date:** Aug 3, 2020

**To:** All Medicaid Participating Nursing Facilities

**From:** Mike McCormick, Interim Director  
DHS Aging and People with Disabilities Program

**Re:** Medicaid 2.5% Incentive Payment for Nursing Facilities Adopting  
Employee- friendly COVID-19 Leave Policies

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Dear Medicaid-Participating Nursing Facilities:

On May 18, 2020, an [Administrator Alert \(NF-20-83\)](#) was issued announcing the Incentive Pay Program approved by the Oregon Legislature. [Temporary rules contained in OAR 411-070-0439](#) were filed June 29, 2020, containing the criteria for the COVID-19 Emergency Response Incentive Program.

In summary, the Department will provide a 2.5% incentive payment for Medicaid-participating nursing facilities if they meet the following criteria:

- Increased paid time off for workers who become sick.
- Workers cannot be fired for calling out sick or because they must stay home due to COVID-19.
- Enhanced compensation for frontline caregivers who are at risk of exposure due to COVID-19.

The detailed criteria is contained in [OAR 411-070-0439](#).

The incentive compensation will be equal to 2.5% of the facility's Medicaid Resident Revenue for services provided during the effective dates of the Program. A facility may be eligible for reimbursement for any continuous 90-day period between May 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020.

Nursing facilities may submit a claim for the incentive payment on the form provided by the Department of Human Services (attached). The form will soon be available on the [Nursing Facility Provider Forms](#) site. Claims for the incentive

payment may be submitted no earlier than August 3, 2020 and no later than December 31, 2020.

Facilities may submit one claim form and one supplemental claim for Medicaid resident revenues not previously submitted on the initial claim form.

Completed forms may be emailed to: [cost.reports-05@state.or.us](mailto:cost.reports-05@state.or.us).

General questions about the eligibility for this payment may be submitted to Cindy Susee at [cynthia.susee@dhsosha.state.or.us](mailto:cynthia.susee@dhsosha.state.or.us).