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To: All Nursing Facility Providers

From: Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit,
Office of Aging and People with Disabilities

Subject: **New CMS Guidance** [Memo QSO-21-17-NH](#)



Nursing Facility Providers:

Please review [CMS Memo QSO-21-17-NH](#) regarding the ending of Emergency Regulatory Waivers issued in response to COVID-19 as follows:

- The emergency blanket waivers related to notification of Resident Room or Roommate changes, and Transfer and Discharge notification requirements.
- The emergency blanket waiver for certain care planning requirements for residents transferred or discharged for cohorting purposes.
- The emergency blanket waiver of the timeframe requirements for completing and transmitting resident assessment information (Minimum Data Set (MDS))

CMS is also providing clarification and recommendations for Nurse Aide Training and Competency Evaluation Programs (NATCEPs) in this Memo.

If you have questions, please contact Nursing Facility Licensing at:

NF.licensing@dhsosha.state.or.us

ePOC Practice Tip:

Facility Administration - ASPEN Web: e POC (electronic Plan of Correction) is the centralized worksite for completing all steps in CMS & State survey POC processing including:

- *Receiving and reviewing Statements of Deficiencies (SODs),*
- *Formulating POCs,*
- *Submitting POCs and if desired,*
- *Attaching supporting Informal Dispute Resolution request & documents.*

Register and maintain an active ePOC account to efficiently access your surveys, and at no cost to your

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facility. ePOC registration passwords are effective for 90 days and must be renewed timely to maintain an active ePOC account. As an active ePOC user, you will receive notifications of pending password expiration with renewal instructions. It may also be advantageous to have multiple ePOC registrants for your facility to ensure an active ePOC account is maintained at all times. For ePOC assistance and/or questions contact QTSO (<https://www.qtso.com>).