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To: All Nursing Facility Providers

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

Subject: **Review CMS Guidance Memo - [QSO-21-19-NH](#)**



Please review the recent CMS Guidance Memo [QSO-21-19-NH](#) as follows:

- On May 11, 2021, CMS published an interim final rule with comment period (IFC). This rule establishes **Long-Term Care (LTC) Facility Vaccine Immunization Requirements for Residents and Staff**. This includes new requirements for educating residents or resident representatives and staff regarding the benefits and potential side effects associated with the COVID-19 vaccine and offering the vaccine. Furthermore, LTC facilities must report COVID-19 vaccine and therapeutics treatment information to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN).
- CMS will post the new information reported to the NHSN for viewing by facilities, stakeholders, or the general public on CMS's [COVID-19 Nursing Home Data](#) website.
- **Updated Survey Tools:** CMS has updated tools used by surveyors to assess compliance with these new requirements.

If you have questions, please contact Nursing Facility Licensing at:
NF.licensing@dhsosha.state.or.us

ePOC Practice Tip and Reminders:

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),*

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- *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 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>).