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To: All Nursing Facility Providers
All Community Based Care Providers

From: Aging and People with Disabilities
Safety, Oversight and Quality Unit (SOQ)

Subject: **Long-Term Care Capital Improvement and
Emergency Preparedness Program, Phase Three**



The Oregon Legislature allocated \$30 million to the Oregon Department of Human Services to administer a Long-Term Care Capital Improvement and Emergency Preparedness Program. The governing administrative rules for this program may be accessed [here](#).

The Program is being implemented in phases to ensure the Department meets the intent of the Legislature's budget note that priority was given to long-term care facilities with high Medicaid census levels, while promoting equitable access across the State. Phase Three includes older facilities with higher Medicaid census levels. Phase Three starts March 1, 2022.

Phase Three applicants are defined as:

- Priority 1 applicants, which includes all long-term care facilities constructed prior to 1996 with the following Medicaid census on June 30, 2021:
 - Nursing Facility Medicaid occupied census level of 50% or higher.
 - Community-Based Care Facility occupied census level of 40% or higher.

Eligible expenditures in Phase Three includes:

- Infectious Disease Prevention Strategies such as infection control devices or equipment, including technological upgrades that support infection prevention and control.

- Room configurations such as the development of negative pressure isolation rooms that prevent the spread of viruses. This may include site-level construction or remodel of resident rooms to reduce per room bed capacity to reduce the spread of infectious diseases.
- Technology and Telehealth includes electronic or virtual means or methods, such as computer technology that allows web or internet access, social media, or videoconferencing. The project or devices must improve resident socialization and allow for the provision of virtual health care.

In Phase Three, facilities are eligible for grants of \$20,000.00 per licensed facility.

Prior authorization is required as a condition of reimbursement eligibility; no reimbursements will be made for projects that have not been prior authorized by the Department. Reimbursements will be limited to costs incurred. Facilities may only submit one prior authorized form but can have multiple appropriate projects on the one form.

The required [prior authorization form for Phase Three is linked](#) and included with this Provider Alert. This form must be completed in full. When complete, submit the form to:

LTC.Improvements@dhsosha.state.or.us

Provider alerts will be issued announcing subsequent phases of this Program.

We look forward to working with facilities on the implementation of this program. Our hope is that residents will experience better health, safety, and quality of life because of these grant opportunities.

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

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