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NF-22-057 - Provider Alert

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To: All Community Based Care and Nursing Facility Providers

From: ODHS Office of Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) –
Strategic Initiatives Unit

Subject: Oregon Emergency Board Funding Update
Workforce Survey
Nurse Crisis Team Staffing Resources
Workforce Support- Medication Safety (CBC only)

On September 23, the Oregon Emergency Board approved additional funds for crisis and stabilization programming supports for long term care providers. The following contains updated information on accessing resources authorized by Oregon Emergency Board as shared in [NF-22-052](#).

Workforce Survey

Effective October 28, APD has suspended the weekly Bed Census/Workforce survey for the remainder of 2022. We'll resume a quarterly survey cadence in 2023.

Nurse Crisis Team Staffing Support Available through March 2023

Nurse Crisis Team (NCT) personnel continue to be available on a limited basis through a short-term state contract. NCTs are comprised of LPNs and/or CNAs and can be deployed to provide workforce relief to facilities experiencing staffing shortage crises that impact resident safety, a COVID-19 outbreak, or in a capacity-building function.

All requests are subject to criteria-based prioritization: patient/resident safety, equity concerns related to access to care, regional hospital decompression needs, and availability of limited NCT personnel. ODHS teams will triage all staffing requests immediately and a formal response will be provided once the request has been fully vetted. Deployment timing depends on availability of NCT personnel.

Starting November 1, 2022, as directed by the legislature, ODHS will require participating facilities to share the costs for safety/crisis and capacity building responses. **ODHS will implement a daily program fee of \$300 per day for each clinical/care giving staff deployed.** Providers must attest to accepting this fee in the request form. Requests for clinical/care giving staff can be submitted [here](#).

Workforce Support - Medication Safety (CBC Facilities only)

This program involves deployment of teams (comprised of LPNs and/or CNAs) to backfill staff who are **participating in an initial Med Tech training or retraining** (training provided by facility). Additionally, LPNs can be made available to support facilities in other functions related to **improving medication administration safety processes and protocols**. These workforce supports are provided at no cost to the facility.

ODHS teams will review these requests and provide a response within 24 hours of submission. Deployment timing depends on facility needs and availability of NCT personnel. If interested, submit requests for training backfill support [here](#).

If you need Med Tech training resources or if you have question, please contact your licensing team: CBC.team@dhs.oregon.gov

ODHS website: www.oregon.gov/DHS/