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## Personal Protective Equipment, Screening and Visitation for CMS-Certified Home Health Agencies:

### Authority:

- [Guidance for use of Certain Industrial Respirators by Health Care Personnel \(QSO-20-17-ALL\)](#)
- [Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention Concerning Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) In Home Health Agencies and Religious Nonmedical Healthcare Institutions \(RNHCIs\)](#)

**Applicability:** This guidance applies to CMS-certified Home Health Agencies.

### I. Personal Protective Equipment

Agencies subject to this guidance shall adopt and enforce policies and procedures that align with the CMS requirement that certified agencies to implement recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). CDC continues to recommend use of Personal Protective Equipment for healthcare personnel, patients and visitors in healthcare settings. The CDC definition of healthcare settings includes locations where CMS-certified Home Health Agencies provide services. CMS guidance that incorporates CDC recommendations incorporates those recommendations into CMS infection control requirements.

### II. Screening

Agencies subject to this guidance shall adopt and enforce policies and procedures that require the screening of all individuals including but not limited to all agency staff, health care personnel, and patients before providing services. Screening policies and procedures must comply with the [Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention Concerning Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) In Home Health Agencies and Religious Nonmedical Healthcare Institutions \(RNHCIs\)](#).

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