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Personal Protective Equipment, Screening and Visitation in Hospice Agencies:

Authority:

- [Guidance for use of Certain Industrial Respirators by Health Care Personnel \(QSO-20-17-ALL\)](#)
- [Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) by Hospice Agencies](#)

Applicability: This guidance applies to hospices certified by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Under [Oregon Administrative Rule 333-035-0055\(8\)](#), licensed hospice agencies in Oregon must meet all requirements in the CMS Conditions of Participation for hospice programs found in 42 CFR Part 418 regardless of CMS certification status.

I. Personal Protective Equipment

Hospice Agencies subject to this guidance shall adopt and enforce policies and procedures that align with the CMS requirement that certified Hospice 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 Hospice Agencies. CMS guidance that incorporates CDC recommendations incorporates those recommendations into CMS infection control requirements.

II. Screening

Hospice 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, patients and visitors before entry. Screening policies and procedures must comply with the [CMS Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) by Hospice Agencies](#).

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