Personal Protective Equipment, Screening and Visitation in CMS-certified Hospitals, Psychiatric Hospitals, and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs):

Authority:

- Guidance for use of Certain Industrial Respirators by Health Care Personnel (QSO-20-17-ALL)
- CMS Hospital Visitation – Phase II Visitation for Patients who are COVID-19 Negative
- CMS Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in Hospitals, Psychiatric Hospitals, and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs): FAQs, Considerations for Patient Triage, Placement, Limits to Visitation and Availability of 1135 Waivers [QSO-20-13-Hospitals-CAHs (REVISED)]

Applicability: This guidance applies to Hospitals, Psychiatric Hospitals, and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs) certified by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS).

I. Personal Protective Equipment

Facilities subject to this guidance shall adopt and enforce policies and procedures that align with the CMS requirement that certified facilities 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, support persons and visitors in healthcare settings. The CDC definition of healthcare settings includes the CMS-certified Hospitals, Psychiatric Hospitals and CAHs. CMS guidance that incorporates CDC recommendations incorporates those recommendations into CMS infection control requirements.

II. Screening

Facilities subject to this guidance shall adopt and enforce policies and procedures that require the screening of all individuals including but not limited to all facility staff, health care personnel, patients, support persons, and visitors before entry. Screening policies and procedures must comply with the CMS Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in Hospitals, Psychiatric Hospitals, and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs): FAQs, Considerations for Patient Triage, Placement, Limits to Visitation and Availability of 1135 Waivers [QSO-20-13-Hospitals-CAHs (REVISED)].

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