

The Academy Weekly

News & Information for LTC Providers



The Academy of Senior Health Sciences, Inc.

www.seniorhealthsciences.org

Week of 03 May 2020

Ohio News

[Litigation protection being considered by G.A.](#)

[ODM audit team requesting two email addresses for reports](#)

[Central Ohio hospitals develop transfer criteria guidance](#)

National News

[Treasury FAQ on PPP loans](#)

[CMS issues FAQ on Medicare FFS billing](#)

[CMS updates emergency waivers, includes LSC changes](#)

[CMS MLN Connects](#)

Ohio News

Litigation protection being considered by G.A.

The General Assembly is back to work and one of a number of COVID-19 related issues being discussed by legislators is litigation immunity for health care workers and service providers. Members from both chambers have said the issue is an immediate concern. One bill, S.B. 302, would revise the law governing immunity from civil liability and professional discipline for health care providers during disasters or emergencies, and would provide qualified civil immunity to service providers providing services during and after a government-declared disaster. ([Click here to view the bill and analysis.](#)) The bill appears to be on the fast track and is scheduled for a committee hearing and vote this week. The

Academy has reviewed that bill and it does include nursing home providers. We will continue to advocate for, and to track the developments of, litigation protection for health care service providers during the emergency. ([Back to top.](#))

ODM audit team requesting two email addresses for reports

The Ohio Department of Medicaid is continuing their efforts to collect as many current email addresses as possible prior to emailing the FYs 2017 & 2018 overpayment reports. ODM is asking Ohio LTC members to send two valid email addresses to LTCAudits@medicaid.ohio.gov. The message should include the Ohio Medicaid seven-digit number in the subject line. If multiple facilities, please include all Medicaid provider numbers for the facilities in the message. ODM would prefer to be able to cc a second person when sending the reports to ensure they are received. ODM will add this information to its current list to ensure as many facility's as possible are able to participate in this streamlined approach.

In related news, ODM updated its letters and response forms for NHs and ICF/IIDs. [Please click here for the updated NH form](#) and [click here for the updated ICF form](#). Below are the significant updates to these forms:

- Added language to account for the reports being emailed;
- Clarified language regarding providers' not being required to send supporting documentation along with the response form if requesting a resolution;
- Added areas to collect additional email addresses;
- Mailing address removed so as to only present LTCAudits@medicaid.ohio.gov address to send forms/supporting documentation/agreements/etc;
- Clarified language regarding the true nature of requesting a reconsideration.

These forms are not final and may change based on feedback from interested parties. If you have any comments on the forms, [please send them to The Academy.](#) ([Back to top.](#))

Central Ohio hospitals develop transfer criteria guidance

The three hospital systems of the Columbus area have developed a transfer criteria guidance document for the central Ohio area. [Please click here to view the document.](#) It is only applicable to the central Ohio area. From the Columbus Public Health Dept: The guidance document that was created by the physician leadership team at the 3 health systems in Columbus for congregate setting to gauge the need to send a patient to the ED for positive or suspected COVID 19. The ask from the 3 health systems in Columbus is to

utilize the transfer center lines to arrange for transfer to the ED as this helps with load balancing so as to not overwhelm any one hospital. For facilities outside of Franklin County- the guidance on determining if a patient should go to the ED may be used by you as well. Everyone should remember to call ahead to the ED to give a report so they know your patient is coming and they are ready for them with appropriate PPE." ([Back to top.](#))



National News

Treasury FAQ on PPP loans

The U.S. Treasury has posted an FAQ on the PPP loan program. The FAQ document answers many questions regarding the conditions for the loans and when or if they need to be repaid. [Please click here to view the FAQs.](#) ([Thanks to HW&Co](#) for bringing this to our attention.) ([Back to top.](#))

CMS issues FAQ on Medicare FFS billing

CMS has updated its FAQ on Medicare FFS billing. [The updated FAQ document can be accessed by clicking here.](#) ([Back to top.](#))

CMS updates emergency waivers, includes LSC changes

CMS has updated its emergency waivers. The changes include Life Safety Code changes that impact nursing homes and ICFs. ([Click here to access the updated document.](#) LSC changes start on page 26.) The LSC changes include the placement of alcohol based hand rub dispensers, document orientated fire drill training instead of fire drills, and permitting temporary walls and barriers. Please see the summary document for more details. ([Back to top.](#))

CMS MLN Connects

News

- [CMS Announces Independent Commission to Address Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes](#)
- [Home Health Plans of Care: NPs, CNSs and PAs Allowed to Certify](#)

- [Health Care Supply Chain, Provider Self-Care, and Emergency Preparedness Resources](#)

[Claims, Pricers & Codes](#)

- [COVID-19: Modified Ordering Requirements for Laboratory Billing](#)
- [Hospital OPPS: New Coronavirus Specimen Collection Code](#)

[MLN Matters® Articles](#)

- [Addition of the QW modifier to Healthcare Common Procedure Coding System \(HCPCS\) code U0002 and 87635](#)
- [Modify Edits in the Fee for Service \(FFS\) System when a Beneficiary has a Medicare Advantage \(MA\) Plan](#)
- [New Codes for Therapist Assistants Providing Maintenance Programs in the Home Health Setting](#)
- [Updates to Ensure the Original 1-Day and 3-Day Payment Window Edits are Consistent with Current Policy — Revised](#)

[Publications](#)

- [Evaluation and Management Services — Revised](#)

[View this edition as PDF \(PDF\)](#)

[View this edition on the web.](#)

[\(Back to top.\)](#)



////////////////////////////////////
**NOTABLE DATES OR
EVENTS**

OANAC/ASHS Spring

ODDS AND ENDS

REMINDER: Please submit your daily PPE/vent/capacity survey

Providers are reminded to submit their capacity survey to the state on a daily basis. [Please click here to submit your survey and bookmark/save the link so you can submit daily.](#)

CMS Office Hours for this week

CMS is hosting "Office Hours" to allow providers to ask questions of CMS subject matter experts. Below is the information for the calls this week:

Tuesday, May 12th at 5:00 – 6:00 PM Eastern

Toll Free Attendee Dial In: 833-614-0820;

Access Passcode: 8968295

[Audio Webcast Link](#)

Nursing Homes (Wednesdays at 4:30 PM Eastern)

Wednesday, May 13th at 4:30 – 5:00 PM Eastern

Toll Free Attendee Dial-In: 833-614-0820;

Access Passcode: 2675207

[Audio Webcast Link](#)

Thursday, May 14th at 5:00 – 6:00 PM Eastern

Toll Free Attendee Dial In: 833-614-0820;

Access Passcode: 5688374

[Audio Webcast Link](#)

Conference
CANCELLED

[CGS: myCGS ATC](#)

June 11, 2020

[Click here to view CGS
Part A training events](#)

[Click here to view CGS
Part B training events](#)

[Follow on Twitter](#)

[Friend on Facebook](#)

[Follow on Instagram](#)

Copyright © 2020 The Academy of Senior Health Sciences Inc., All rights reserved.

Membership.

The content of this newsletter is for informational purposes only. The information is only as accurate as its sources and may change at any time. The newsletter may contain references to policy, regulations, rules, and laws and is for informational purposes only. Please consult the appropriate professional before making any decisions.

Our mailing address is:

The Academy of Senior Health Sciences Inc.
17 S. High St.
Suite 770
Columbus, OH 43215

The Academy of Senior Health Sciences, Inc. is a preferred provider of BELTSS continuing education units.