Welcome ICF/IID Providers!

COVID-19 Updates and Q&A with LTC Regulation and DSHS

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**COVID-19 Response for ICF**
PPE Infection Control Basics Webinar

The webinar emphasizes how to prevent or minimize the spread of infectious disease by using PPE. During this webinar you will:

• Review standard and transmission-based precautions
• Learn proper hand hygiene techniques
• Demonstrate how to utilize PPE
• Discuss the importance of social distancing in an outbreak situation

- July 17: 10:00 a.m.
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• Updates
Some ICF/IID program providers have reported having difficulty obtaining a physician signature on an intellectual disability/related condition (ID/RC) assessment form due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In response, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is advising providers to renew an individual’s level of care that expired in March, April, or May as explained in this letter if the program provider did not get a physician’s signature on the ID/RC assessment form before the level of care expired.

- Purpose Code 3 On-Cycle Option
- Providers Who Have Already Entered Off-Cycle Purpose Code 3 with Purpose Code E Option
- LON Change Requests
Logging Extended Leave Update

HHSC requests that all community-based ICF/IID providers input a resident’s leave due to COVID-19 concerns regardless of whether the person has returned to the facility. This information was published in a June 5, 2020 alert.

Providers should use the instructions listed below to assist them in proper entry of leave when completing the Individual Movement Tracker in the TMHP Long-Term Care Portal.

Enter the leave date and return date on separate forms, so three IMTs are needed. Codes for leave types are:

- ATH: Therapeutic Home Visit (three-day leave)
- AEV: Extended Leave (10 days per year)

To ensure maximum payment for extended leave, ICF/IID providers must enter two types of leave and indicate a return date for the first type of leave even if the person did not return to the facility.
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Question:
The extended leave govt.delivery information that was sent out for community based providers. Will there be guidance shared for state owned facilities, like the SSLCs? Is guidance different for the SSLCs entering leave and codes to use?

Response:
SSLCs use code ATV instead of ATH for the 3 day visit; SSLCs don’t enter movements in the TMHP portal. When leaves go from IRIS to CARE they end up at TMHP and in the portal. The 10 day AEV code is for all ICF providers (including SSLCs).

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Additionally, the following information was published in a June 5, 2020 alert regarding the LTC Online Portal. That publication includes the following note:

State Supported Living Centers (SSLCs) will continue to enter the Individual Movement Form as they do today. SSLCs will not submit the Individual Movement Form directly on the LTC Online Portal because there is an interface between Integrated Resident Information System (IRIS) and the LTC Online Portal. Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) will submit Individual Movement Forms to TMHP via a batch interface between IRIS and the LTC Online Portal. These forms will still undergo the same validation checks and be routed to the same workflow as forms entered directly on the LTC Online Portal.
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**Question:**
Is there a requirement that a copy of the ICF COVID-19 Response plan be kept at each facility?

**Response:**
It is not a regulatory requirement. However, it is an HHSC recommendation that each facility have a copy available in the home so that staff are able to refer to the document as needed.
COVID-19 Q&A

**Question:**
Can you talk a little bit about admitting new clients into the program? What are the guidelines, do’s and don’t’s during COVID-19?

**Response:**
ICFs should continue to admit anyone they would normally admit if the resident’s needs can be met. New admissions should be separated from other residents and monitored for symptoms associated with COVID-19 for 14 days.
COVID-19 Q&A

**Question:**
We were told that we were going to have to do mandatory testing for staff and residents soon. Is this going to happen?

**Response:**
As of now, there are no plans to require testing for all ICF staff and residents.
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**Question:**
Can an ICF/IID utilize a day program building for quarantine, if necessary?

**Response:**
We originally said no because day hab buildings are not licensed, certified or inspected by LSC teams. After discussing this topic with the architecture unit, it has been determined that this is an acceptable option during this time. There may be a number of alternate care models that ICF/IID programs could develop to separate positive COVID-19 patients from others. In all cases, ICF/IIDs should keep clear records of individuals who are moved, and should take appropriate measures to ensure the health and safety of those individuals during transit and at the new location.
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