Welcome ICF/IID Providers!

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

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COVID-19 Updates

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Attending ICF Provider Webinars

Webinars are held to help keep you up to date on the latest guidance and resources related to COVID-19.

These weekly webinars also give you a chance to ask your questions and hear questions from other providers.
GovDelivery

- GovDelivery is an email and electronic notification system that will notify you anytime information is posted.

- You can register for GovDelivery notifications by clicking on this GovDelivery Sign-up Link and following the instructions for signing up for notifications.
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**COVID-19 Response for ICF**
Reminder

Infection Control is Critical

• Limit and monitor points of entry
• Screen everyone entering the facility for signs and symptoms of COVID-19
• Wear masks
• Use proper hand hygiene
• Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer (ABHS)
• Aggressively clean/disinfect the facility
• Use telehealth options when possible
• Encourage physical distancing
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 10: 3:00 p.m. Register for the webinar here.
- July 17: 10:00 a.m. Register for the webinar here.
- July 24: 3:00 p.m. Register for the webinar here.
- July 31: 10:00 a.m. Register for the webinar here.
Emergency Preparedness for Long Term Care Facilities Webinars

- July 06: 1:00 p.m.  
  Register for the webinar here.

- July 14: 9:00 a.m.  
  Register for the webinar here.

- July 23: 1:00 p.m.  
  Register for the webinar here.

- July 27: 9:00 a.m.  
  Register for the webinar here.

- July 29: 1:00 p.m.  
  Register for the webinar here.
Update

Visitation Plans

We are still actively working on plans to ease some of the current visitor restrictions - in phases, while still prioritizing safety. While we don’t have a definite date at this time, we will get this guidance out as soon as we can.
Coming Soon

COVID-19 Response for ICFs/IID

Version 2.2 will be published today or tomorrow.
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:
Can ICF residents be restricted from going home on weekends if they refuse to isolate when they return?

Response:
No. ICF/IID residents do have the right to go home for visits, and they have the right to return to the ICF after those visits. ICF staff need to have a plan in place for ensuring the health of all residents and staff when residents return from home visits – keep them separated from other residents, encourage them to wear a face covering when out of their rooms, model and encourage proper hand hygiene, etc.
Question:
If a client goes home on a 3 day home visit, are they automatically required to be put in isolation/quarantine for 14 days upon return?

Response:
Yes. A resident who goes on a home visit should be separated from other residents upon return to the ICF. This does not mean they should be confined to their room. Rather, the provider should have plans in place to allow residents to utilize communal areas at different times to ensure those who go into the community are kept separated from those who choose not to leave the facility.
Questions?

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