LHA COVID-19 C-Suite Alert: HHS Asks Hospitals to Report Remdesivir Data Tomorrow; Additional Data Due July 22

Following yesterday’s announcement of changes to its process for collecting daily COVID-19-related data from hospitals, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) today asked hospitals to report remdesivir doses through the TeleTracking web portal tomorrow, July 15 (instead of the original July 20 deadline) for allocation purposes. HHS also requested six other prioritized data elements that the Louisiana Department of Health will be able to provide to HHS on behalf of hospitals.

ADDITIONAL DATA REPORTING REQUIREMENTS: While HHS has prioritized the collection of the seven data fields mentioned above for this week, it intends to use all the data fields from a hospital’s daily reporting for various resource allocations. HHS asks hospitals to begin reporting all the data fields included in yesterday’s guidance on hospital reporting by Wednesday, July 22.

ESF-8 PORTAL UPDATE: The state is working as quickly as possible to add the additional data fields to the ESF-8 Bed Portal and certify the new questions with HHS to report on hospitals’ behalf. In the interim, hospitals will be required to continue ongoing daily portal reporting, and additionally enter the “new” data fields (for questions 10-32 in the recently-updated Guidance for Hospital Reporting, except for question 16-deaths) into the TeleTracking web portal.

Hospitals are encouraged to read the guidance document carefully to ensure that they are fully complying with all HHS reporting requirements, including in-house lab testing data elements. For more details, view the AHA Special Bulletin. If you have additional questions, contact LHA Vice President of Member Services & Quality Improvement Ken Alexander at 225-928-0026 or kalexander@lhaonline.org.

Note: This Alert is being distributed on July 14, 2020 to hospital C-Suite personnel in the LHA database.

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