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Summary of CMS Call on Point-of-Care COVID-19 Testing for Nursing Homes

On July 14, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) **announced** an initiative to distribute of point-of-care COVID-19 testing devices to nursing homes across the country. Seema Verma, Administrator of CMS and Admiral Giroir, MD, Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) held a nationwide conference call with nursing homes on July 15 to provide additional information about the rollout.

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Other COVID-19 Updates

Webinar on Communicating During COVID-19: Join AHCA/NCAL and PLUS Communications for a live, ahcancaLED webinar on July 23, 2020 at 2:00 PM (EDT) on how to effectively communicate with the media and stakeholders during the COVID-19 pandemic. [REGISTER](#)


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Instructions: The instructions on one of the four pathways have been updated to provide clarification on definitions and provides examples in each section of the instructions. [READ MORE](#)

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Reminder: Apply by July 20 for the Medicaid Portion of the Provider Relief Fund: On June 9, HHS announced the distribution of approximately \$15 billion from the Provider Relief Fund to eligible providers that participate in Medicaid and have not received a payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Distribution. [READ MORE](#)

New Trainings and Resources Related to Infection Prevention and Control: AHCA/NCAL has developed two COVID-19 trainings on ahcancaLED titled, [Infection Prevention & Control in the Post-COVID-19 World](#) (designed for leadership) and [Basics of Infection Prevention and Control in the Post-COVID-19 World](#) (designed for all staff). In addition, AHCA/NCAL has developed a series of [action briefs](#) to help centers develop and improve their infection prevention and control programs. [READ MORE](#)



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