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CMS Launches National Training Program

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has announced the launch of its national nursing home training program for frontline nursing home staff and nursing home management. The training, called “CMS Targeted COVID-19 Training for Frontline Nursing Home Staff & Management,” is available now on the **CMS Quality, Safety & Education Portal**. Participants will receive a certificate upon completion of the program, which consists of five specific modules designed for frontline clinical staff and ten designed for nursing home management.

In addition, CMS and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) will also have subject matter experts available on bi-weekly webinars from August 27, 2020, through January 7, 2021, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Eastern to answer questions. Participants *must* register for these question and answer sessions on the Zoom webinar registration page [here](#).

At the time of the [original announcement](#) about the training in July, CMS noted that providers would be required to participate in an online infection control training program to be eligible for enhanced funding. Based on the latest announcement, participation in this training currently is voluntary and not tied to any funding. Nonetheless, AHCA encourages all providers to take advantage of these courses as they are developed based on challenges and findings CMS and CDC strike teams have found when visiting nursing homes with outbreaks. When CMS or HHS makes any announcement about mandated training tied to funding, we will notify members.

For more information about the training, click [here](#). While registering for the training is not required, AHCA encourages providers to do so.

Please email COVID19@ahca.org if you have any questions, or visit ahcancal.org/coronavirus for more information.

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