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**SUBJECT: Eleventh COVID Update for Long Term Care Providers**

**News since our last bulletin:**

- The LTCA Billing and Documentation Guidance document has been revised and is attached here for your reference. In these updates, DHCF is clarifying providers' obligations to effectively document services delivered remotely. These updates conform to guidance issued by DHCF to providers of other remote services (e.g., telemedicine) via [Transmittal #20-42](#).

**DC Health guidance and information:**

- Information about the District's vaccine distribution plan and other vaccine matters can be found at <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccine>. Please note that as of January 11, 2021, DC residents aged 65 and older may sign up for vaccination appointments through that website (<https://coronavirus.dc.gov/vaccinatedc>).
- The complete recommendations of the ReOpen DC advisory group can be found on DC's coronavirus resource website, <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>. The report with recommendations can be accessed directly [here](#).
- We encourage all providers to review the recommendations report linked above as well as [setting-specific guidance](#) for like settings or other settings serving people who are elderly or disabled. All guidance is published at <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>.
- As a reminder for all providers, the latest (September 15) version of DC Health's Health Notice Healthcare Personnel Personal Protective Equipment, Monitoring, Restriction and Return to Work can be located on their website [here](#).

**Additional reminders and resources:**

- For information about testing in general, and in-home testing for home-bound beneficiaries specifically, please contact the Public Health Laboratory:
  - DFS-COVID19@dc.gov
  - (202) 727-8956 M-F 8:30 am-5:30 pm or (202) 868-6561 after-hours

- <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/node/1465561>
- Information about additional testing sites can be found at <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/testing>
- These Informational Bulletins are being archived on DHCF's website under the Long Term Care Administration tab. Informational Bulletin #6 contains the original version of the Billing and Documentation Guidance issued to providers on April 22, 2020. <https://dhcf.dc.gov/publication/informational-bulletins-ltc-providers>

As always, we extend our thanks for your continued partnership and commitment to the care and safety of District residents in these challenging and unprecedented circumstances. We will continue to be in touch with updated information as it becomes available.