



Department of Health Care Finance Informational Bulletin

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SUBJECT: Eighth COVID-19 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. There are updates to multiple provider-specific sections; updates have been highlighted for ease of review. Most notably, prior authorization for overtime PCA rates (T1019-CR *only*) will no longer be required effective on or near July 20, 2020, and these claims will instead be adjudicated according to internal MMIS system edits. Please bring any questions about this change to weekly or monthly provider conference calls.

ReOpen DC provider guidance:

- 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 (e.g., [child care](#), schools) or other settings serving people who are elderly or disabled (e.g., [nursing facilities or assisted living facilities](#)) as examples, as well as any guidance that may be issued for vulnerable or other populations within the coming days. All guidance is published at <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>.
- As a reminder for all providers, DC Health's Health Notice on Universal Masking and Healthcare Personnel Monitoring, Restriction and Return to Work. The latest (May 13) version can be located on their website [here](#).

Additional reminders and resources:

- In the event that your agency has been unable to procure personal protective equipment (PPE) through routine channels, DC Health operates a portal through which health care providers can request PPE and you can find it here: <https://forms.gle/W7hr9ap5NztgNQJa7>
- 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. Please continue to take good care of yourselves as well.