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CMS Announcement on NHSN Data and Guidance on COVID-19-Related Survey Activity

On June 1, CMS released a memorandum ([QSO-20-31-ALL](#)) addressing NHSN data, COVID-19 survey activities, enhanced enforcement, and engagement of Quality Improvement Organizations (QIOs).

This guidance is effective immediately and will cease to be in effect when the Secretary determines there is no longer a Public Health Emergency due to COVID-19. At that time, CMS will send public notice that this guidance has ceased to be effective via its website.

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Other COVID-19 Updates

Supporting Your Loved One in a Long Term Care Facility: CDC released a [fact sheet](#) on Supporting Loved Ones in a Long-Term Care Facility providers can share with residents' families. The fact sheet includes ideas on how to keep in touch and ways providers are supporting communication between residents and their families. [Read More](#)

SNF Therapy Telehealth Waivers and other Updated COVID-19 Billing FAQ Updates: CMS provided [important updates](#) to coverage and billing guidance impacting SNF related to COVID-19 1135 waivers. AHCA/NCAL has developed [therapy telehealth waivers FAQs](#) that address questions that SNF and AL members may have regarding applying these waivers to improve

resident mobility care needs. [Read More](#)

CMS Updates Guidance on Proper Use of COVID-19 Waivers Claim

Codes: On June 1, CMS issued updated guidance clarifications for using the “DR” Condition Code and “CR” modifier on Medicare fee-for-service claims for services furnished under [COVID-19 Section 1135 waivers](#) such as the SNF-specific 3-day stay and spell-of-illness waivers. [Read More](#)

Hilton’s Frontline Medical Professionals Room Program: Following on Hilton’s effort with American Express to donate up to a million rooms to frontline medical professionals, Hilton is offering healthcare heroes rooms at a significant discount through June 30th. They are bookable today via AHCA/NCAL’s [dedicated booking platform](#) (member login required). [Read More](#)

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