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## Preparing for Widespread Testing

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has recently emphasized the importance of testing for COVID-19 in nursing facilities. In addition, a growing number of states are requiring testing of all residents and/or staff. When accessing testing, we recommend providers ensure that the tests are FDA approved PCR tests (versus Antibody/Serology tests) and that the lab will bill Medicare directly. Providers need to have a plan in place to [isolate residents](#) who test positive, and follow [CDC guidance](#) for staff that test positive. More information and guidance on preparing for widespread testing is available in [here](#).

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## Documentation

Law firm Husch Blackwell lays out some general steps for documenting activities and response efforts to be prepared for surveys and potential litigation. AHCA/NCAL also recommends working with your legal counsel to develop practices. This [resource](#) is available to AHCA/NCAL members (log in required).

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## Scammers Posing as Government Officials

AHCA/NCAL has developed a [resource](#) to warn providers about potential scammers posing as government officials. Learn more about how to screen callers claiming to be representing a state or federal agency or official or claiming to be from the IRS, Department of Commerce, or a Bank or other financial institution without first verifying the caller's identity. This resource also includes ways to protect residents from scammers and some safety tips to confirm legitimate outreach calls from CMS or the CDC.

Separately, AHCA/NCAL had previously created a [resource](#) on how to beware of scams when working with vendors offering personal protective equipment.

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## Updated FAQs on Provider Relief Fund

AHCA/NCAL's [FAQs on the Provider Relief Fund](#) has been updated to include information on the additional funding to be released this week. We will continue to update the FAQ, as an increase of \$75 billion is expected to pass the House and be signed by the President today.

Please email [COVID19@ahca.org](mailto:COVID19@ahca.org) for additional questions, or visit [ahcancal.org/coronavirus](http://ahcancal.org/coronavirus) for more information.

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