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CORONAVIRUS MEMBER BRIEFING:

March 27, 2020

OF SPECIAL NOTE

DHS Reminder of Essential Individual Facility Access
DHS has sent a reminder to all facilities outlining who "Essential Individuals" are. The facility must follow the screening and protective measures outlined in Provider Alert NF-20-69, however the facility cannot deny access to essential individuals. See the new Provider Alert here.

STATE NEWS

Long Term Care Facility Response Toolkit
The Oregon Health Authority, in conjunction with DHS, has developed a Long-Term Care Facility COVID-19 Response Toolkit that is located on OHA's COVID-19 HealthPartners Resources Page. Once there, click on Healthcare Providers and Clinical Laboratories. Check out this site regularly for updated information. It also contains information about COVID-19 testing and guidance for home care.
- OHA Guidance for Health Systems Regarding COVID-19 Testing Updated 3/25/2020
- Ordering and Reporting COVID-19 Laboratory Tests 3/26/2020
- CDC: Implementing Home Care of People Not Requiring Hospitalization
- CDC: Preventing COVID-19 from Spreading in Homes and Communities
- CDC: Disposition of Non-Hospitalized Patients with COVID-19

RESOURCES & TOOLS

Family Medical Leave Provisions
Family Medical Leave provisions under the second stimulus bill have been a significant source of questions for members. LeadingAge prepared an FAQ on New Paid Sick Leave and FMLA Leave in the Families First Response Act (FFCRA) to help.   The Department of Labor, who will be writing rules to implement the Act, issued a news release announcing a National Online Dialogue between now and March 29 for employers and workers to help "shape the development" of DOL's compliance assistance materials and outreach strategies related to the implementation of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA). Here's the link to register to participate.

FEMA Assistance Available
As a 501c3 Health Care Institution your organization is eligible for FEMA recovery grant assistance in response to COVID-19. Costs potentially eligible for reimbursement include:
- Labor / supply costs for mass care operations
- Measures taken to protect patients and staff

- Overtime paid to employees caring for COVID-19 patients
- Costs of PPE associated with COVID-19
- Costs for contractors performing emergency protective work
- Other costs the hospital would not normally incur during regular operations
- Costs associated with isolation of employees exposed to COVID-19 during patient care

View a presentation, webinar recording, and sample contract provided by Tidal Basin, a national firm providing FEMA recovery grant assistance management, about the services Tidal Basin is able to offer. To request more information please the following at Tidal Basin Group:
- Don T. Forse, Jr., (512) 470-1013, dforse@tidalbasin.rphc.com
- Kristopher J. Prickett, MS, PMP, Director of Healthcare Services, (706) 767-2340, kprickett@tidalbasin.rphc.com

Tax Strategies and Economic Recovery for Health Care Organizations
Join Moss Adams for a webcast on April 2nd from 10-11 to discuss the latest federal incentives available to health care organizations in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. This webcast is designed for long-term care providers, ancillary health care organizations, medical and dental groups, and physicians. Topics to be covered:
- Review of the federal economic stimulus legislation
- State responses and tax relief (Oregon, Washington, California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas)
- Understanding the Families First Coronavirus Response Act
- Disaster relief small business administration loans
Registration is complimentary. Learn more and register here.

NATIONAL NEWS

Options for Mail Delivery
Last week, LeadingAge wrote a letter to the Postmaster General raising concerns from members across the country that the USPS had forbidden postal carriers to be screened for COVID-19. We received a response yesterday. The USPS will be offering communities three options for mail delivery if there are issues with their current delivery of mail.

Using Technology to Connect Residents
Supporting Social Connectedness through Technology: This 7-minute QuickCast offers ideas to leverage a variety of technologies to connect older adults during times of social distancing.

LeadingAge staff experts are developing essential guidance and tools, and curating the most relevant resources for aging services providers. Here are some of the most recent additions:
- COVID-19 Focused Survey Tool and Checklist
- Affordable Housing Funds, Eviction Moratorium in 3rd Stimulus Package