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**CMS CALL TODAY: COVID-19 with Nursing Homes**

Please join the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for a call on **COVID-19 with Nursing Homes today at 4:30 PM EST**. CMS leadership will provide updates on the agency’s latest guidance. There will be audience Q&A and an opportunity for you to share best practices with your peers. The call will be recorded if you are unable to join.

**Wednesday, March 25th**
4:30 – 5:00 PM EST
Attendee Dial-In: (877) 251-0301 Conference ID: 7983218
*This call will be recorded.*

**CDC Releases COVID-19 Guidance for Retirement Communities and Independent Living**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released guidance for **retirement and independent living communities**, including assisted living communities that do not provide medical services. AHCA/NCAL has learned that the CDC will be releasing guidance for assisted living communities in the coming days. Until that guidance is published, we strongly recommend that members follow **AHCA/NCAL’s previously issued recommendations** on **visitors**, **communal dining** and events.

The CDC guidance for retirement communities and independent living is similar to AHCA/NCAL’s guidance in that they suggest canceling all public or non-essential group activities and events, cleaning and disinfecting all areas, **screening visitors** when appropriate and possible and posting information related to COVID-19.

In recognizing the home-like environment of these residences, the guidance also highlights **asking residents to self-monitor**, asking residents to ensure they have needed medications, etc. The guidance also recommends that providers work with the local department of health if a positive case of COVID-19 were to
be found in the building. It is key to note that the guidance covers retirement communities, assisted living communities that are a less medical model, and CCRCs. Again, we recommend that members utilize AHCA/NCAL’s more robust guidance as well.

For additional questions, please email COVID19@ahca.org and visit www.ahcancal.org/coronavirus for more information and resources.

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