



# Regulatory Roundup

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Weekly Webinar for Long-Term Care Professionals

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## PRESENTERS

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# Today's Agenda



- QMA renewals on the new platform – Suzanne Williams
- Clarification related to QMA administration of PRN Medications and follow-up of effectiveness – Tammy Alley
- Qsource – Teresa Hostettler – 1. NHH Update (system down time), staff flu reporting deadline, and fines 2. Why are you getting calls about vaccine rates? 3. COVID outbreak visits 4. Mock Surveys and other resources 5. New staff
- Do I still need to educate and offer COVID19 vaccines?
- Q&A



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# Upcoming Education

- NF Rate Webinars (Feb 7 & 21) *\*IHCA/INCAL members only*
- The Impact of the MDS webinar series
  - FEB 7 - MDS Ripple Effect on Reimbursement
  - FEB 14 - MDS Influence on the Quality Measures
  - FEB 21 - MDS Influence on Spades and SNF QRP
  - FEB 28 - MDS Five Star Factors
  - MAR 6 - MDS Systems & Mechanisms for Care Plan Effectiveness
- How to Prepare for FSSA Outreach to Your Residents for PathWays MCE Selection: A Webinar (Feb 15) *\*IHCA/INCAL members only*
- Documentation for Behavioral Health & Mental Illness – a webinar (Feb 20)
- 2024 Life Safety Code Intensive Workshop – in-person workshop (March 27-28)

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# QMA – PRN Medications

- QMA Scope of practice
  - Effectiveness of a PRN medication

# NHSN Update



- NHSN system downtime recently
- Staff Flu vaccine mandatory reporting reminder
  - Deadline – April
  - Tips for compliance
- Fines – What for and why?

# NHSN Update



- Why are providers getting calls from Qsource about COVID-19 Vaccine rates?
- What can you expect if you are called?
- It's all about vaccine hesitancy and making sure we are doing everything possible to answer questions and address the concerns in real time.

# Qsource and COVID-19 Outbreak Visits

- A great resource

# CMS COVID Outbreak Referrals

- Since March 2020, Qsource has received over a 1000 COVID outbreak referrals in Long-Term-Care (LTC) facilities across the state of Indiana.
  - Initial contact to gather preliminary information about the outbreak
  - Scheduled site visit
  - What to expect during the site visit
  - Building an ongoing partnership with follow up support

# Resources & New Staff



- Education
- Mock Surveys
- QAPI
- Special Focus

# Frequent Question



- Do providers need to continue to “Educate and Offer” COVID-19 vaccination to residents/clients and staff.
- Rules remain in effect until May 2024 unless further action taken by CMS.
- You must continue to educate and offer COVID-19 vaccination to residents and staff as part of the Requirements of Participation.

# COVID-19 Tests - Free



Department of Health and Human Services Abbott BinaxNOW Test Kit Program.  
Assisted Living and SNF are eligible for monthly shipments Must have active CLIA waiver to be eligible  
Shipments started and stopped, and test quantities can be increased or decreased by emailing

[TDX@hhs.gov](mailto:TDX@hhs.gov) Email must include the following:

Name of facility

Facility Address

CLIA Waiver #

Request – STOP/START, INCREASE, DECREASE

Also -- check expiration extension of tests at this site:

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/home-otc-covid-19-diagnostic-tests>

# AHCA/INCAL ED



- Employee Retention Credit – Webinar – Feb 6
- OSHA Record Keeping & New Reporting Requirements – Feb 13
- Medicare Advantage Coverage Denials: Strategies & Considerations – Feb 27
- <https://educate.ahcancal.org/>
  - IHCA/INCAL members get discounted pricing

# Q&A

- See you next week, February 8!

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