COVID-19: Additional Time for Nursing Facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities to Pay Quality Assessment Fee

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) recognizes the impact that the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is having on nursing facility and intermediate care facility providers. To provide nursing homes and Intermediate Care Facilities financial relief during the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Agency for Health Care Administration has issued Emergency Order AHCA No. 20-003. This emergency order extends the deadlines for March 2020 and April 2020 Quality Assessment payments until June 15, 2020 for Intermediate Care Facilities, and June 20, 2020 for Nursing Facilities.

This alert gives guidance related to the submission of the Nursing Facility and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment fees.

The Agency is giving additional time to submit the March and April Nursing Facility Quality Assessment (NFQA) fees and will waive fines: Providers may choose to postpone payment of NFQA fees for the months of March and April, which are currently due on May 20, 2020. The Agency is suspending fines associated with the timely submission of the NFQA fees for the months of March and April as long as the process below is followed.

Process:
- Providers must continue to report and submit bed days to generate invoices to the online reporting application, for March 2020 and April 2020.
- The fees for March 2020 and April 2020 invoices are due in full by June 20, 2020.
- The fees must be submitted to the Agency with the corresponding invoice.
- Beginning on June 20, 2020 fines for March 2020 and April 2020 fees not paid in full, will be incurred.
- Regular collection will continue for NFQA fees beginning June 20, 2020.

The Agency is also giving additional time to submit the March and April Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) Quality Assessment fees and will waive fines: Providers may choose to postpone payment of ICF QA fees for the months of March and April, which are currently due on May 15, 2020. The Agency is
suspending fines associated with the timely submission of the ICF QA fees for the months of March and April as long as the process below is followed.

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- The fees for March 2020 and April 2020 invoices are due in full by June 15, 2020.
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- Beginning on June 15, 2020 fines for March 2020 and April 2020 fees not paid in full, will be incurred.
- Regular collection will continue for NFQA fees beginning June 15, 2020.

We appreciate the critical service you provide to some of the state’s most vulnerable individuals; we will get through this period together. Please be aware that federal and state guidance related to COVID-19 is updated continuously. The Agency will communicate updates as quickly as possible.

Please contact (850) 412-4104 for questions about the additional time to pay the Quality Assessment fee.