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### Curative Testing Ending September 15, 2020

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The Emergency Rules requiring biweekly staff testing for nursing homes and assisted living facilities will expire September 13th and will not be renewed; 59AER20-4 and 59AER20-5,FAC.

Nursing home staff are required to continue staff testing under federal regulations. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a [final rule](#) effective on September 2, 2020 requiring nursing homes to test residents and staff for COVID-19, including individuals providing services under arrangement and volunteers, based on parameters set forth by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Additional information about the federal rule can be found here: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/gso-20-38-nh.pdf>

With the expiration of the state Rule 59AER20-4, assisted living facilities will no longer be required to routinely test staff.

The state contract with Curative for nursing home and assisted living staff testing will end on September 15th. Test specimens must be mailed (post marked) to Curative **on or before September 15th** to be processed under the state contract.

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