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## **Long Term Care Monoclonal Antibody Treatment**

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In November, Eli Lilly received [authorization for emergency use](#) by the Food and Drug Administration for bamlanivimab monoclonal antibody, for patients with COVID-19 who are at risk of more severe disease. An antibody product made by the biotechnology firm Regeneron has also been authorized.

Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) issued instructions to providers that wish to enroll to provide the Monoclonal Antibody COVID-19 Infusion Program through Medicare on [December 3, 2020](#). The instructions allow for a broad range of providers and suppliers to provide the treatment, including freestanding and hospital-based infusion centers, home health agencies, nursing homes, and entities with whom nursing homes contract.

Last week, Eli Lilly published a [press release](#) that clinical trials of bamlanivimab indicated the drug prevented COVID-19 infections in nursing home residents and staff. This is the first time such a treatment has been shown to prevent infection. Please take steps now to share awareness of these treatments with your residents' physicians and your medical directors. The Agency is also encouraging nursing facilities to consider enrollment with CMS to administer this life-saving treatment to your residents.

If you have questions regarding enrollment to provide therapeutics, please contact AHCAEOC at [AHCAEOC@ahca.myflorida.com](mailto:AHCAEOC@ahca.myflorida.com), the Long Term Care Unit at (850) 412-4303 or [LTCStaff@ahca.myflorida.com](mailto:LTCStaff@ahca.myflorida.com), or the Assisted Living Unit at (850) 412-4304 or [Assistedliving@ahca.myflorida.com](mailto:Assistedliving@ahca.myflorida.com).

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