

STATE OF FLORIDA
AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATION

In Re:

TEMPORARY EXTENSION OF NURSING HOME
AND INTERMEDIATE CARE FACILITY
QUALITY ASSESSMENT REPORTING FOR
MEDICAID

AHCA NO. 20-002

EMERGENCY ORDER

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory condition accompanied by fever and cough and other symptoms that can spread through humans through contact; and

WHEREAS, several counties in Florida have confirmed cases of COVID-19 that are growing in number daily and straining virtually every health care resource available within the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida, Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency in Florida and providing the power for State agencies to suspend the provisions of any Florida regulatory statute or rule that would prevent timely execution of the State's necessary actions to prevent, mitigate or respond to the state of emergency and fully execute the actions required in response to COVID-19 consistent with the State's Emergency Management Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARY C. MAYHEW, as Secretary of the Agency for Health Care Administration, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 20-52, find that strict compliance with the provisions of certain regulatory statutes and rules prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business by the Agency for Health

Care Administration will prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency caused by COVID-19. In order to effectively respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 it is necessary to promulgate the following:

1. For purposes of preparing for, responding to, and mitigating the effects of COVID-19 on nursing home finances, section 409.9082(2), Florida Statutes, is hereby temporarily suspended for all nursing home quality assessments for March 2020, which are due in April 2020. The assessments for March will instead be **due in full** by May 20, 2020. Providers must continue to report and submit bed days to generate invoices to the online reporting application for March 2020. Regular collection of fees will resume on May 20, 2020.

2. For purposes of preparing for, responding to, and mitigating the effects of COVID-19 on Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) finances, section 409.9083(2), Florida Statutes, is hereby temporarily suspended for all ICF assessments for March 2020, which are due in April 2020. The assessments for March will instead be **due in full** by May 20, 2020. Providers must continue to report and submit bed days to generate invoices to the online reporting application for March 2020. Regular collection of fees will resume on May 20, 2020.

Executed this 14th day of April 2020, in Agency for Health Care Administration Offices, Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



Mary C. Mayhew
Secretary
Agency for Health Care Administration