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SUBJECT: **Ninth COVID-19 Update for Long Term Care Providers**

News since our last bulletin:

- The LTCA Billing and Documentation Guidance document has been revised and is attached here for your reference. In these updates, DHCF is clarifying the process by which certified nursing assistants (CNAs) who are certified to work in Maryland or Virginia may be hired by District Medicaid home health agencies (HHAs) and deliver Medicaid-reimbursable personal care services (PCA). Please note that, most important, these individuals still must acquire an NPI through NPPES and that NPI must be included on HHA claims for PCA, as is standard practice. More detail can be found in the attached updated version of our guidance.

ReOpen DC provider guidance:

- The complete recommendations of the ReOpen DC advisory group can be found on DC's coronavirus resource website, <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>. The report with recommendations can be accessed directly [here](#).
- We encourage all providers to review the recommendations report linked above as well as [setting-specific guidance](#) for like settings (e.g., [child care](#), schools) or other settings serving people who are elderly or disabled (e.g., [nursing facilities or assisted living facilities](#)) as examples, as well as any guidance that may be issued for vulnerable or other populations within the coming days. All guidance is published at <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/>.
- As a reminder for all providers, the latest (May 13) version of DC Health's Health Notice on Universal Masking and Healthcare Personnel Monitoring, Restriction and Return to Work can be located on their website [here](#).

Additional reminders and resources:

- For information about testing in general, and in-home testing for home-bound beneficiaries specifically, please contact the Public Health Laboratory:
 - DFS-COVID19@dc.gov
 - (202) 727-8956 M-F 8:30 am-5:30 pm or (202) 868-6561 after-hours
 - <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/node/1465561>
 - Information about additional testing sites can be found at <https://coronavirus.dc.gov/testing>

- These Informational Bulletins are being archived on DHCF's website under the Long Term Care Administration tab. Informational Bulletin #6 contains the original version of the Billing and Documentation Guidance issued to providers on April 22, 2020.
<https://dhcf.dc.gov/publication/informational-bulletins-ltc-providers>

As always, we extend our thanks for your continued partnership and commitment to the care and safety of District residents in these challenging and unprecedented circumstances. We will continue to be in touch with updated information as it becomes available.

