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Antigen Testing in Long Term Care Facilities and Visiting Updates

The attached guidelines are meant to supplement the information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ([CMS](#)) on antigen testing recommendations and requirements and the [visitation memorandum](#).

[Antigen Testing in Long Term Care Facilities and Visiting Update](#)

[Visitation Guidelines for Long-term Care Facilities – Updated 09/23/2020](#)

Reissuing as New Order Waivers for Comprehensive Care Facilities & Residential Care Facilities

The Indiana Department of Health, Consumer Services & Health Care Regulation Commission has reissued the “Temporary Blanket Waivers” for both comprehensive care facilities and residential facilities. Below are the new orders.

[Order Reissuing as New Orders Temporary Blanket Waivers for Comprehensive Care Facilities – September 16, 2020](#)

[Order Reissuing as New Orders Temporary Blanket Waiver for Comprehensive Care Facilities – September 23, 2020](#)

[Order Reissuing as New Orders Temporary Blanket Waivers for Residential Care Facilities – September 16, 2020](#)

QSO-20-40-LSC Categorical Waiver – Corrugated Medical Tubing

CMS regulation requires compliance with the 2012 edition of the NFPA Health Care Facilities Code (NFPA 99) for Ambulatory Surgical Centers, Critical Access Hospitals, End-Stage Renal Disease, Hospitals, Inpatient Hospice, Intermediate Care Facilities for Intellectuals with Disabilities, Long-term Care, Programs for All-Inclusive Care of the Elderly, and Religious Nonmedical Health Care Institutions facilities.

The 2012 NFPA 99 requires medical gas and vacuum system tubing to be rigid copper tubing and does not allow for the use of corrugated medical tubing (CMT). In certain applications, the inability to use CMT may be considered an unreasonable hardship as the installation of CMT may be more efficient and economical.

CMS is issuing a categorical waiver to allow the use of CMT in new and existing healthcare facilities based on provisions provided in the 2018 NFPA 99.

Complete Information: [Categorical Waiver – Corrugated Medical Tubing](#)