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CMS Update

QSO 20-34-NH Changes to Staffing Information and Quality Measures Posted on the Nursing Home Compare Website and Five Star Quality Rating System due to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is committed to transparency about changes in publicly reported information on nursing homes during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Changes to the Nursing Home Website and Five Star Quality Rating System:

- **Staffing Measures and Ratings Domain:** On July 29, 2020, Staffing measures and star ratings will be held constant, and based on data submitted for Calendar Quarter 4 2019.
 - Also, CMS is ending the waiver of the requirement for nursing homes to submit data through the Payroll-Based Journal System. Nursing homes must submit data for Calendar Quarter 2 by August 14, 2020.
- **Quality Measures:** On July 29, 2020, quality measures based on a data collection period ending December 31, 2019 will be held constant.

Complete QSO 20-34-NH Information: [QSO 20-34-NH Changes to Staffing Information and Quality Measures Posted on the Nursing Home Compare Website and Five Star](#)

Mandatory Employee Testing – Make Up Locations

On June 30, 2020, from 9:00AM – 2:00PM the attached list of facilities will host an employee testing opportunity for any employee that needs / has not been tested. The employee does not need to schedule a time and will be registered at the testing site on June 30. The testing information for the employee will be entered for the facility where they are tested. The employee will receive documentation after testing, and this documentation needs to be returned to their actual facility. The employee's actual facility will then need to reconcile the results. Questions can be emailed to Nancy Adams at nadams1@isdh.in.gov.

[Indiana SNF Testing Makeup Sites](#)

COVID-19 Information

Probari Information & Update

Probari is a healthcare startup focused on improving the lives of nursing homes residents. Probari is a team of RNs that have supported nursing homes for the past 8 years by providing enhanced clinical and quality improvement services. The Indiana State Department of Health has teamed with Probari during the COVID-19 pandemic to provide communication and outreach to long term care facilities in Indiana.

Services Probari will provide / assist with include:

- Assisting with the LHI Registration process for facility testing
- Facilitation and support of the LTC COVID App
- Reporting all NEW positives to facilities from LTC employee testing initiative
- Results Roster reconciliation
- Reporting results to facilities from the ISDH Strike Team

Additional information and contact numbers is available: [Probari, Inc.](#)

Education Information

Long Term Care Frontline Staff Training Webinar Series

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has launched a Long-Term Frontline Staff Training Webinar Series for staff who care for vulnerable residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities. The five short webinars review basic infection prevention steps essential for preventing the spread of COVID-19.

The webinars include:

- **Sparkling Surfaces** (7 min) - <https://bit.ly/2yulKj2>
- **Clean Hands** (7 min) - <https://bit.ly/35JzNgH>

- **Closely Monitor Residents** (7 min) - <https://bit.ly/3bhodKI>
- **Keep COVID-19 Out!** (6 min) - <https://bit.ly/2SLKzhe>
- **PPE Lessons** (12 min) - <https://bit.ly/2zn9yjQ>

[Mini Webinar Series – COVID-19 Prevention Training for Long Term Care Staff Flyer](#)

MAIA- Mid-America Institute on Aging and Wellness Virtual Webinars

The University of Southern Indiana and SWIRCA & More, Area Agency on Aging, are sponsoring a conference to provide practical tools and ground-breaking information related to successful aging and wellness. Due to COVID-19 health concerns, the conference will be “virtual” for the month of August. Four live one-hour webinars will be conducted each Thursday and feature different speakers.

[Virtual MAIA Mid-America Institute on Aging and Wellness Conference Flyer](#)

Webinar attendance is free, with a fee for professionals seeking Continuing Education Credit (CE). Registration information is at USI.edu/maia.