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## Vaccine and Testing

- [PA-HAN 628 Update: Update to Recommendations Regarding COVID-19 Vaccination](#)
- **CDC guidance on antigen testing in long-term care** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) updated [guidance](#) on the use of antigen testing in long-term care settings.
- **Therapeutics update from HHS** The [weekly update](#) on the distribution and administration of COVID-19 therapeutics is available from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Coordination Operations and Response Team.

## Nursing Homes

### State

- **Feb 25 deadline** for [nursing facilities to send ACH or wire transfers for assessment fees](#)
- **CMP funds available for facilitation of in-person visitation** The Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) urges review of memorandum [QSO-20-39-NH](#) and [COVID-19 In-Person Visitation Application FAQ](#) to ensure your facility's request meets the minimum requirements. Please complete and submit the [application template](#) and the [invoice template](#) to [RA-PWCMPGRANTS@pa.gov](mailto:RA-PWCMPGRANTS@pa.gov) no later than April 30.
- **DOH posted** [Decisions on Requests for Exceptions to Health Care Facility Regulations](#) in the PA Bulletin

### Federal

- **Call with CMS on the Medicaid and CHIP RFI** On March 1 at 3:30 p.m., the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will hold a stakeholder call on the [announced request for information](#) (RFI) on access in Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). This session will provide information on the RFI and review how to access the online form. [Register](#).

## Housing

- **Housing notice 2015-04 FAQs published** The Office of Multifamily Housing posted to HUDCLIPS [updated responses](#) to frequently asked questions regarding [housing notice H-2015-04](#), *Methodology for Completing a Multifamily Housing Utility Analysis*.
- **FY22 annual adjustment factors** A notice of the revised contract rent [annual adjustment factors](#) (AAFs) for fiscal year 2022 (FY22) was published in the Federal Register and are effective as of Feb. 16.



- **Upcoming Housing and Services Resource Center webinars** The [Housing and Services Resource Center](#) will host two sessions in March related to cross-sector partnerships that create housing stability.
  - March 7 at 3 p.m. - Expanded opportunities with federal funding for housing and services. [Register.](#)
  - March 15 at 2:30 p.m. - State and local partnerships for housing stability. [Register.](#)

## HCBS

- **CMS will end gap billing between hospice transfers** Beginning in July, Medicare Administrative Contractors (MACs) will have new system edits to prevent gap billing between hospice transfers. Since hospice transfers must occur on the same day, there cannot be a break in hospice care or a gap in billing. The Medicare Learning Network (MLN) provided an [article](#) explaining the reason for the change request and expectations for hospices.
- **Community spread threshold rate guidance for adult day care and LIFE providers** Please monitor [community spread threshold rates](#) carefully as rates continue to increase. Providers should review and proceed with mitigation policies, if necessary. DHS also reminds facilities of several [safety precautions](#).