



To: Skilled Nursing Facilities
From: IEHP – Provider Relations
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Subject: COVID-19: LTC Facility Transfer Scenarios

CMS issued critical recommendations to state and local governments, as well as nursing homes, to address Long-Term Facility Transfer Scenarios. These recommendations will be effective immediately.

In summary:

- CMS is providing supplemental information for transferring or discharging residents between facilities.
- If two or more certified LTC facilities want to transfer or discharge residents between themselves for the purpose of cohorting, they do not need additional approval to do so for the following purposes:
 - Transferring residents with symptoms of a respiratory infection or confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 to another facility that agrees to accept each specific resident, and is dedicated to the care of such residents;
 - Transferring residents without symptoms of a respiratory infection or confirmed to not have COVID-19 to another facility that agrees to accept each specific resident, and is dedicated to the care of such residents to prevent them from acquiring COVID-19; or
 - Transferring residents without symptoms of a respiratory infection to another facility that agrees to accept each specific resident to observe for any signs or symptoms of a respiratory infection over 14 days.
- If a certified LTC facility would like to transfer or discharge residents to a non-certified location for the purposes of cohorting, approval is needed.

NO APPROVAL NEEDED FOR FFS
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