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Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert

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COVID-19: Additional Time for Nursing Facilities and Intermediate Care Facilities to Pay Quality Assessment Fee

The Agency for Health Care Administration (Agency) recognizes the impact that the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is having on nursing facility and intermediate care facility providers. To provide nursing homes and Intermediate Care Facilities financial relief during the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Agency for Health Care Administration has issued [Emergency Order AHCA No. 20-002](#). This emergency order extends the deadlines for March 2020 Quality Assessment payments until May 20, 2020.

This alert gives guidance related to the submission of the Nursing Facility and Intermediate Care Facility Quality Assessment fees.

The Agency is giving additional time to submit the March Nursing Facility Quality Assessment (NFQA) fees and will waive fines: Providers may choose to postpone payment of NFQA fees for the month of March, which are currently due on April 20, 2020. The Agency is suspending fines associated with the timely submission of the NFQA fees for the month of March as long as the process below is followed.

Process:

- Providers must continue to report and submit bed days to generate invoices to the online reporting application, for March 2020.
- The fees for March 2020 invoices are due in full by May 20, 2020.
- The fees must be submitted to the Agency with the corresponding invoice.
- Beginning on May 20, 2020 fines for March 2020 and fees not paid in full, will be incurred.
- Regular collection will continue for NFQA fees beginning May 20, 2020.

The Agency is also giving additional time to submit the March Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) Quality Assessment fees and will waive fines: Providers may choose to postpone payment of

ICF Quality Assessment fees for the month of March, which are currently due on April 15, 2020. The Agency is suspending fines associated with the timely submission of the ICF Quality Assessment fees for the month of March as long as the process below is followed.

Process:

- Providers must continue to report and submit bed days to generate invoices to the online reporting application, for March 2020.
- The fees for March 2020 invoices are due in full by May 20, 2020.
- The fees must be submitted to the Agency with the corresponding invoice.
- Beginning on May 20, 2020 fines for March 2020 fees not paid in full, will be incurred.
- Regular collection will continue for ICF Quality Assessment fees beginning May 20, 2020.

We appreciate the critical service you provide to some of the state's most vulnerable individuals; we will get through this period together. Please be aware that federal and state guidance related to COVID-19 is updated continuously. The Agency will communicate updates as quickly as possible.

Please contact (850) 412-4104 for questions about the additional time to pay the Quality Assessment fee.

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