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EVENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC

I. 2020 SOUTH CAROLINA HURRICANE GUIDE: [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

The Atlantic Hurricane Season officially started on June 1, 2020 and will end November 30, 2020. To aid our state's readiness, the SC Emergency Management Division (SCEMD) released the 2020 South Carolina Hurricane Guide. The guide provides general information about hurricanes and potentially hazardous conditions resulting from hurricanes, evacuation routes, and resource information.

II. FEMA 2020 Public Assistance Program & Policy Guide: [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

On June 1, 2020, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published the fourth edition of the Public Assistance Program and Policy Guide (PAPPG). The guide details eligibility prerequisites for public assistance and provisions to assist State, Territorial, or Tribal, and local (SLTT) governments, and certain types of private nonprofit (PNP) organizations' responses to and recovery from major disasters or emergencies declared by the President. Through the Public Assistance Program, FEMA provides supplemental Federal grant assistance for debris removal, emergency protective measures, and the restoration of disaster-damaged, publicly owned facilities and specific facilities of certain PNP organizations. The Public Assistance Program also encourages protection of these damaged facilities from future incidents by providing assistance for hazard mitigation measures.

III. CMS Memo-Quality, Safety, & Oversight Efforts: [\(CLICK HERE\)](#)

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) released a memorandum, dated June 1, 2020, detailing changes to survey and oversight practices in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The efforts are intended to facilitate and ensure maintenance of infection control practices to control and prevent the spread of infection in long term care facilities. Reference to survey activities specific to Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disability (ICFs-IID) begins on page 3 of the memorandum.

IV. At-Home COVID-19 Testing Kit: [\(Learn More\)](#)

COVID-19 testing is available using an at-home collection kit from Pixel by LabCorp. The kits provide everything needed to collect a nasal swab sample and send it to their lab. Initial inventory was limited to frontline healthcare workers and first responders; however, testing access and availability has been expanded to all individuals who meet the screening criteria for COVID-19 testing. In most cases, there is no upfront cost.

V. PPP Loan/Grant Program Guidance:

The PPP Loan/Grant program parameters are currently being reconsidered in Congress to consider such changes as extending the 8-week period to 24 weeks among other things. Those that received these funds should keep a close eye on this legislation. Also, there are almost daily updates to guidance and rules related to the forgiveness aspect of the program. SCDDSN is not able to provide those receiving these funds with any guidance as it relates to completing the loan forgiveness application. Providers may need to work with SCDDSN to discuss those costs that are claimed on the forgiveness application prior to it being submitted. There is a plethora of resources available to you on the internet. We are providing some of those resources below.

[SC Association of CPAs Resources](#)

[YouTube Resources](#)

[SCACPA SBA Livestream Course on Loan Forgiveness](#)

[NASACT Covid 19 Resources](#)

[Pandemic Response Accountability Committee Resources](#)

VI. Economic Impact Payments for Social Security and SSI Beneficiaries

Social Security and SSI Beneficiaries began receiving direct deposits of their checks on May 22, 2020. Providers should ensure that persons they are representative payee for receive the amounts they are entitled to. Providers should ensure that these funds are properly accounted for and protected. You may also want to communicate with families, caregivers, persons receiving services, etc., about the amounts they should anticipate and assist them with any financial guidance they may need.

[Social Security Matters Article](#)