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Memo 21-24

To: Administrator, DNS, Medical Director, Infection Preventionist and QA Committee

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Re: Nursing Home Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

New York State Department of Health put forward a webinar today to discuss the amended NYS Nursing Home Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) regulations. Section 415.19 of Title 10 has been amended to now include (f), amended on July 30, 2021. The regulation, in its entirety, can be found [HERE](#). GNYHCFA participated in this webinar on behalf of our members and wanted to share the following:

- Full compliance expected by 8/31/2021
- Nursing homes are required to maintain a 60-day stockpile of PPE
- PPE stockpiles no longer calculated based on PPE burn rates
 - Stockpiles now calculated using a touch-point methodology developed by Johns Hopkins
- Each NH will be given an individual file via the Health Commerce System under the application HCS Distribution Management System
 - The file will be made available to the Administrator, DNS, and Operator
 - It will provide your individual facility's positivity rate
 - Will be made available later today
- PPE methodology is applied using 3 multiplies and includes
 - Assumed touch points (# of times PPE is changed); touch points are different for each type of PPE
 - Total # of certified bed
 - NH's highest average positivity rate during 3 time periods
 - Wave 1: April 26 – May 20, 2020
 - Wave 2: Jan 3 – Jan 31, 2021
 - The highest statewide average positivity rate of 20.15%
- ❖ Example:
 - Certified beds = 100
 - N95 touch point rate = 1.40
 - Highest average positivity rate = 30%
 - Days required = 60
 - $100 \times 1.40 \times 0.30 \times 60 = 2,520$

- The most recent PPE regulations do not expressly require NHs to stockpile face shields or goggles but recommends that facilities maintain a stockpile consistent with their burn rate during their highest period of positivity
 - Review Eye Protection memo
https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/11/hcp_eye_protection_guidance_112520.pdf

Additionally, NYSDOH also briefly addressed Vaccination Requirements.

- Vaccination requirements: no changes
 - Vaccination must be offered to all new admissions, readmissions, and new hires within 14 days
 - Any provider unable to adhere to these requirements must document their efforts in the resident or personnel record
 - Any resident or staff that refuses vaccine must have a signed declination on file
 - Declinations do not need to be re-signed with the re-adoption of the emergency regulations, but the DOH strongly recommends reapproaching residents and personnel who have previously refused vaccination

Do not hesitate to contact the Association with any questions.