



CHCA Colorado Health Care Association
& Center for Assisted Living

ASSOCIATION UPDATE

CMDA Meeting 2/7/2023

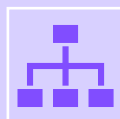
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OIG Visiting...again

The OIG has started to notify Colorado providers of audits of their compliance with Infection Prevention Nurse requirements (Infection Preventionist).



The IP must be qualified by education, training, experience or certification.



IP must assess, develop, implement, monitor, and manage IPCP and ATB stewardship program, must review and approve IPC training topics and content, as well as ensure facility staff are trained on the IPCP.



Hours must be at least part-time and based on the Facility Assessment.




IP must be onsite, not part of corporate office or affiliated short term acute care facility; have enough time devoted to IP activities based on resident census and acuity.

CMS Pushing on Antipsychotics

Auditing of MDS
coding for
schizophrenia

Acting on
presumption that
inappropriate use
of antipsychotics
prompts
inappropriate
diagnosis

Findings of
inaccurate diagnosis
coding will result in
worse QM Five-Star
score



PHE End: Changes in COVID Support

- **Antigen tests:** Insurers will be able to choose whether to reimburse for those tests; no more mandatory supply of 8 per person, per month.
- **Vaccines:** Vaccines will be covered by the government until the stockpile dries up. After the stockpile dries up or we get a Fall 2023 new formula booster, the vaccine will be covered by private insurance (through employment) or public insurance (Medicaid, Medicare, etc.) for the 92% of Americans who have health coverage.
- **Treatments:** No Federal stockpiling moving forward. Paxlovid still works and there's a huge stockpile. All others do not work on the current variant.

PHE End: National surveillance

Genomic surveillance: It's our understanding the wastewater program will remain for now.

Test positivity rates: Will likely go away because CDC can't compel labs to report.

Hospitalizations: CDC will still get data, but the frequency will likely slow down. (Weekly? Monthly?)

Vaccine uptake: Will likely remain, as CDC is working with states to continue monitoring.

Pharmacy testing: May go away. This turned out to be CDC's fastest way to evaluate vaccine effectiveness. So we may be going back to a delayed system to know how well our vaccines are working, which is beyond disappointing.

LTC Trend Tracker Reports Updated

- If you haven't already done so, log into your LTC Trend Tracker Top Line Report for Q1 2022. Your Top-Line is a publication that includes metrics and graphics outlining skilled nursing center's progress on Five Star performance, the AHCA/NCAL Quality Initiative, their journey through the Quality Awards program.
- If you do not have a login, please email execassist@cohca.org with the heading AHCA Login Needed - _____ (Facility name)
- TrendTracker Information (how-to and why-to) on AHCA Website



No Surprises Act

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Part II requires that “providers” give uninsured and self-pay patients a good faith estimate of charges before certain procedures and services are provided. The definition of “provider” in Part II is very broad and includes “health care facilities,” including any facility required to be licensed under state law. **Skilled nursing and other long term care facilities are not specifically mentioned** as examples in Part II, so many thought that long term care providers were not included. However, a **CMS FAQ states that “No specific specialties, facility types, or sites of service are exempt from this requirement.”**

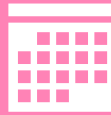


Since the No Surprises Act supersedes the State law already in place in CO, **CDPHE distributed a portal (COHFI) message telling providers they are covered under an automatic waiver of the state law for those under the Federal law.** They clarify that those that are not covered under the Federal law still have to comply with the CO law. SNFs are expected to comply with the Federal Law under Part 2 of the No Surprises Act.

No Surprises Act: Requirements



Providers must inform all uninsured and self-pay patients of the availability of a GFE in a clear and understandable manner when scheduling a service or upon request.

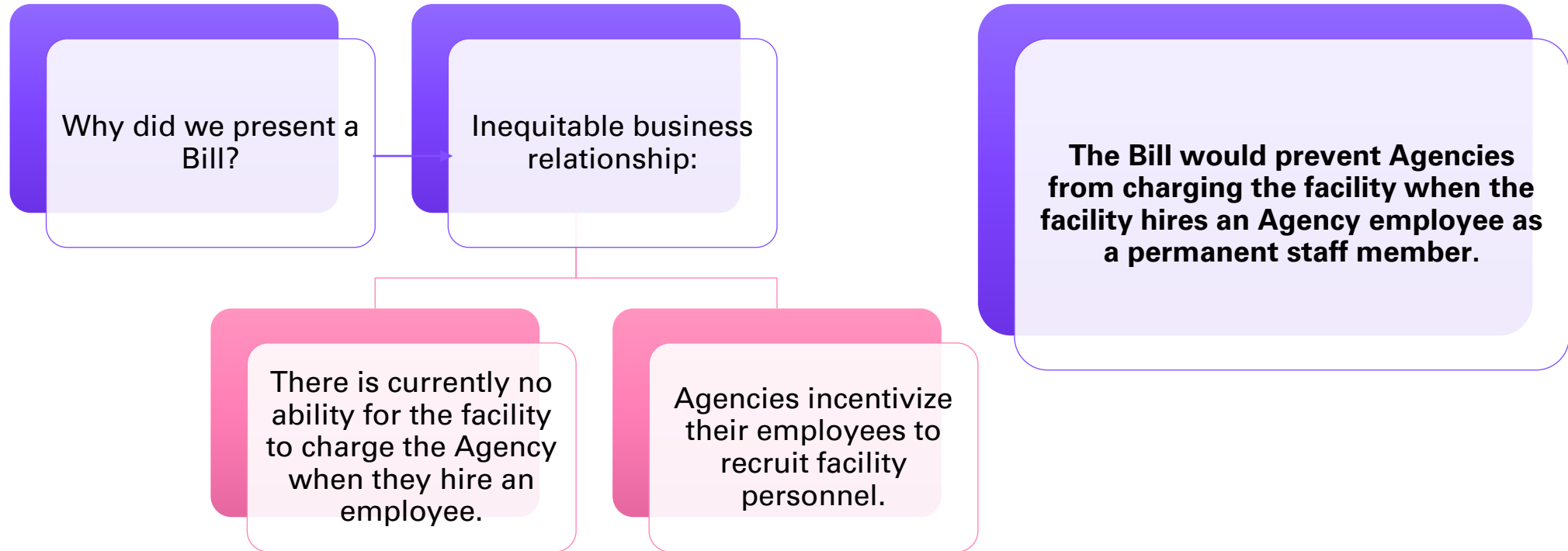


A notice also must be prominently displayed on-site at the provider where scheduling or questions about the cost of items or services occur.



A notice also must be published on an easily searchable part of the provider's website.

Agency Bill Passed the House!!!



Grant Applications Submitted



Trauma-Informed Care Certification

- 8 Online, self-paced modules through AHCA and AAPACN
- Supports system of care delivery implementation
- Helps with Pay for Performance
- Provides CE Credits and NAB Credits for Administrators
- 111 nursing homes over 2 years – target one expert per facility

RETAIN employee communication software/app

- Track new hire satisfaction for 90 days
- Real-time employee survey feedback
- Employee concern tracking/routing for resolution
- Manager notices for key recognition dates – birthdays, anniversaries
- 100 free facility subscriptions for 2 years

Upcoming Education and Events

Feb. 14th, 10a-12p,
Lead with a Laser
Focus: Leveraging
QAPI and the Facility
Assessment, virtual

Feb. 21st-22nd, 9a-5p,
Social Services Series,
virtual

Feb. 16th, 5p-7p,
Legislative Reception,
Warwick Hotel
(Denver)

Feb. 28th, 9a-11a,
Emergency Prep 101,
virtual

March 7th, 10a-12p,
SDC Bootcamp, virtual

March 10th, 9a-3p,
Medicaid Cost
Reporting for SNFs,
virtual

March 30th, 9a-4:30p,
Wound Wisdom for
Post-Acute Care,
Summit Event Center
(Aurora)

May 2nd-3rd NEW
DATES for Social
Services Series,
virtual