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RESCINDING QSO-23-03-ALL: THE IMPORTANCE OF TIMELY USE OF
COVID-19 THERAPEUTICS

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator/Superintendent:

This letter is to inform you that on March 14, 2025, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) notified healthcare providers and State Agencies that it had rescinded [QSO-23-03-All](#), following the repeal of [Executive Order 13997](#), Improving and Expanding Access to Care and Treatments for COVID-19 on January 20, 2025.

The memorandum, as referenced in Executive Order 13997, highlighted the critical need for prompt access to COVID-19 therapeutics for individuals who tested positive. Additionally, the memo called on healthcare providers, especially those in congregate care settings, to protect residents from COVID-19 transmission and to ensure appropriate treatment was administered after a positive diagnosis.

Effective January 20, 2025, the information in the memorandum is no longer applicable. Please direct staff to discontinue referencing the information provided in QSO-23-03-All.

As the original memo did not alter any existing regulations or survey guidance, there are no changes to regulations or guidance as a result of its rescission.

Please note that regulations and guidance concerning COVID-19 vaccination and National Healthcare Safety Network (NHSN) reporting remain unchanged. Additionally, the current guidelines for testing and treatment have not changed.

If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Meyers, NH & ICF/IID Policy Program Manager, RCS at (360) 464-0373 or RCSpolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety.

Sincerely,

Amy Abbott, Director
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Attachments: [QSO-23-03-All](#), [Executive Order 13997](#)