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REVISED QSO-25-23-ALL: GUIDANCE FOR THE EXPIRATION OF THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (PHE)

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator and ICF/IID Superintendent:

Please see the table below for a list of Dear Provider Letters (DPLs) that are superseded by this DPL.

Throughout the COVID-19 PHE, CMS issued multiple QSO memos to provide practice guidance for implementation during the PHE.

On May 1, 2023, CMS published [QSO 23-13-ALL](#), “Guidance for the Expiration of the COVID-19 PHE”, to provide updated guidance regarding termination of PHE-related emergency waivers, modifications to Interim Final Rules with Comments (IFCs), and required compliance timeframes.

In early August 2025, CMS published notification that updated practice guidance is available within [QSO 25-23-ALL](#) for the following PHE-related QSO memos that expired on May 1, 2023.

QSO #	QSO NAME/TOPIC:	SUPERSEDED DPL #(s):
23-13-ALL	Guidance for the Expiration of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE)	N/A
22-15-NH Revised	Update to COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers for Specific Providers REVISED	NH #2022-028
21-17-NH Updated	Updates to LTC Emergency Regulatory Waivers issued in response to COVID-19	NH #2021-031
20-38-NH Revised	Interim Final Rule (IFC), CMS-3401-IFC, Additional Policy and Regulatory Revisions in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency related to Long-Term Care (LTC) Facility Testing Requirements and Revised COVID-19 Focused Survey Tool	NH #2022-060 NH #2021-075 NH #2020-064
20-41-ALL Revised	Guidance related to Emergency Preparedness – Exercise Exemption based on A Facility’s Activation of their Emergency Plan	NH #2020-073 ICF/IID #2020-038
20-39-NH Revised	Nursing Home Visitation – COVID 19	NH #2022-061 NH #2021-036 NH #2020-070
20-12-ALL	Suspension of Survey Activities	N/A

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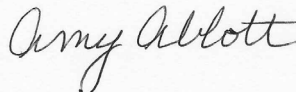
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20-17-All	Guidance for Use of Certain Industrial Respirators by Health Care	NH #2020-010 ICF/IID #2020-004
20-20-All	Prioritization of Survey Activities	NH #2020-014
20-25-NH	2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Long-Term Care Facility Transfer Scenarios	NH #2020-022
21-07-Psych Hospital, PRTF, & ICF/IID	COVID-19 Infection Control for Psychiatric and Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs/IID)	ICF/IID #2020-056
21-14-ICF/IID & PRTF Revised	Visitation at Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs/IID) and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTFs) – Coronavirus Disease – 2019 (COVID-19)	ICF/IID #2021-014
20-23-ICF/IID & PRTF	Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IIDs) and Psychiatric Residential Facilities (PRTFs)	ICF/IID #2020-008

If you have questions related to [QSO-25-23-ALL](#), please visit the [CMS 1135 Waiver](#) website to submit an inquiry.

If you have any additional questions, please contact RCSpolicy@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,



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