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REVISED GUIDANCE FOR USES OF CIVIL MONETARY PENALTY (CMP) FUNDS

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

We are writing to inform providers of important updates from [QSO 23-23-NH](#) to the use of CMP Funds by CMS certified nursing homes and how these changes will impact nursing homes in Washington state.

Nursing homes are inspected for compliance with federal requirements for participation in Medicare and Medicaid. When noncompliance is identified, civil money penalties (CMPs) may be imposed to encourage correction and protect resident health and safety. CMPs collected from nursing homes are reinvested in projects to improve resident care and quality of life. As the program has evolved, the complexity and costs of projects have grown, creating disparities in access. Therefore, CMS is restructuring the Civil Money Penalty Reinvestment Program (CMPRP) to address these issues.

The revised CMPRP includes the following key changes that will directly affect nursing homes in Washington state:

- **Allowable Uses of CMP Projects:** CMS has updated the criteria for categories of allowable uses by introducing maximum funding limits (caps) for projects. These changes are effective immediately and apply to all new and pending applications.
- **Non-Allowable Uses of CMP Funds:** CMS has provided an updated comprehensive list of non-allowable uses of CMP funds.
- **Ensuring Internet Access for Residents:** CMS is gathering information from facilities lacking facility-wide wireless internet access for residents. This data will help identify reasons and possible solutions.
If your facility **does not** have facility-wide wireless internet access for residents, please complete the Facility-Wide Wireless Internet Facility Questionnaire and return to cmp-info@cms.hhs.gov, no later than December 22, 2023. The CMS goal in collecting this information is to gain a better understanding of the barriers that exist to having facility-wide Wi-Fi internet availability to residents. Your response will help inform efforts to make potential funding supports available to facilities in need.
- **CMPRP Website Update:** The CMPRP website has been updated with this information.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Lawton, CMPRP Grant Specialist, at 360-725-3204 or melissa.lawton@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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