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To: All Certified Nursing Facility Administrators

Subject: **Request to Use CMP Funds for COVID-19**

Dear Administrator,

We are pleased to announce an emergency CMP grant project opportunity for all certified nursing facilities within the Commonwealth. CMS has notified our office that a grant program has been approved to assist in purchasing in-person visitation aids such as tents for outdoor visitation and/or clear dividers made of plexiglass or a similar product.

This grant program will allow certified nursing facilities to apply for a CMP fund grant for up to \$3,000 to cover the costs of certain visitation aids. The goal of this program is to provide a means for the facility residents to visit with their friends and family in a safe manner during the COVID-19 pandemic. More information regarding this program may be found in the CMS FAQs document attached hereto. A copy of this document will also be posted on our website.

In order to apply, CMS has developed a specific application for this grant. The application can be found on our website: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/os/oig/Pages/cmpfunds.aspx>. No cover letter will be required with the application. In order to be approved, the CMP grant project must meet **all** of the requirements below.

Projects must:

- Directly address the need to facilitate in-person visits for residents.
- Fall within the following parameters for use of funds:
 - Funds must only be used to purchase the types of visitation aids described above.
 - Tent size must allow for social distancing to be observed.
 - Maximum allowance of \$3,000 per facility.
- Ensure appropriate LSC requirements found at 42 CFR 483.90 are met, unless waived under the PHE declaration.

- Ensure core principles of infection prevention and control practices. Surfaces must be cleaned and disinfected between resident use. Review the EPA's List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2 to determine if the disinfectant identified in the manufacturer's instructions meet EPA's criteria.
- Work with state officials to determine the appropriate level of visitation restrictions within available guidelines from the CDC (e.g., limiting the number of individuals visiting with any one resident).

All applications **must** be filed via electronic mail at: CMPPAPPLICATION_OIG@KY.GOV

If you have any questions regarding this opportunity, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Best Regards,



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