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To: All Certified Nursing Facility Administrators

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

Dear Administrator,

It is with great pleasure that we announce an emergency CMP Grant Project opportunity for all certified nursing facilities within the Commonwealth. Specifically, CMS has notified our office that a grant program, Communicative Technology Project, has been approved to assist in alleviating communication limitations due to COVID-19.

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 communicative technology devices and accessories. The goal of this program is to provide a means for the facility residents to communicate with their friends and family due to COVID-19 limiting their communications. More information regarding this program may be found on the CMS FAQs document attached hereto. A copy of this document will also be posted on our website.

Further, 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>. When completing the grant application, CMS requires you to **include the brand and model number** when listing the type of devices. Further, you **must provide a cover letter (address to Adam Mather, Inspector General)** with the application that includes **all** of the following information:

- Average daily census for each facility where devices are to be used;
- Confirmation that any devices to be purchased are capable of supporting both virtual social and telehealth visits;
- Explanation of the facility's infection prevention and control practices in accordance with the requirements described on page 2 of the application:
 - Policy prohibiting sharing of devices between COVID positive residents (or suspected) and others;
 - Cleaning in compliance with manufacturer's instructions;
 - Cleaning and disinfection between residents; and

- Cleaning using a disinfectant listed by the EPA as effective against SARS-CoV-2
<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kara Daniel". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Adam Mather, Inspector General
Kara Daniel, Deputy Inspector General