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Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert

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Provider Type(s): 67

HCB Settings Rule Assessments Via Virtual Protocol

This alert provides updated information regarding the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) 2014 Home and Community-Based Services Final Rule. The regulations enhance the quality of home and community-based services and provide additional protections to individuals that receive these services provided by the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care Long-term Care (LTC) program. The rule directs states to evaluate their current home and community-based services settings for compliance. **This alert applies only to Assisted Living Facilities, Adult Family Care Homes, and Adult Day Care facilities who have not yet been assessed for compliance with the CMS Final Rule via the on-site method.**

CMS has instructed states to continue efforts to come into compliance with the Final Rule as safely and responsibly as possible given the COVID-19 pandemic. **As such, the Agency, through its LTC plans, will use a virtual protocol for the completion of assessment and remediation activities previously conducted in-person and on-site.** All assessments must be completed by December 31, 2020 in order to meet compliance requirements.

Providers who have not yet been assessed for compliance with the rule via the on-site method will be contacted by one of the managed care plans with which they contract to complete assessments through a virtual protocol. The managed care plans will ensure providers who have not yet been assessed understand the virtual protocol.

Additional information regarding the Final Rule is available on our web site:

http://ahca.myflorida.com/medicaid/Policy_and_Quality/Policy/federal_authorities/federal_waivers/rule.shtml

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