

Information Memorandum Transmittal Aging and People with Disabilities



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Topic: Long Term Care

Due date:

Subject: Disinfecting Personal Belongings in CBC and NF When an Individual Moves or Passes Away

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Type B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Message:

As a reminder, all nursing facilities and community-based care facilities (ALF, AFH, RCF) are responsible for having in place, and must strictly follow, infection control practices.

In accordance with these practices, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic, nursing facility and community-based care providers must store, transfer, and clean residents' belongings when the consumer is moving in or out of care settings or have passed away. The facility must ensure that the storage or transfer occurs in a manner that does not encourage the transfer of COVID-19 or any other infectious disease.

Long-term care facilities are responsible for ensuring residents' belongings are cleaned and disinfected **BEFORE** being moved to another location or given to family members of residents who have passed away. Instructions have been given to all long-term care providers via [Provider Alert NF-20-80](#) and is attached to this transmittal.

Consumers may not be charged for this service.

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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Date: May 1, 2020

TO: Nursing Facility and Community Base Care Providers

FROM: Safety, Oversight, and Quality

RE: **Disinfecting Personal Belongings**

This is a reminder to all Long-Term Care Providers (LTC) that as residents move in and out of care settings it is **critical** that their belongings are stored and transferred in a manner that **does not encourage transmission of coronavirus**, the viral infection that causes COVID-19. Also, when a resident has passed away, the transfer of their belongings must be handled in a manner that is mindful of cleanliness and disinfection of the risk of potential or confirmed viral exposure.

Long-term care licensees and staff are reminded of their responsibility to confirm that appropriate infection control practices are followed. This includes ensuring resident belongings are cleaned and disinfected before being moved to another location. If possible, leave the resident's belongings in an isolated space for seven to ten days before attempting to move them to another location. If this is not possible, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](https://www.cdc.gov)) offers detailed guidance advising how LTC providers can clean furnishings and belongings in a thorough and safe manner. More information from the CDC can be found [here](#):

If you are a Nursing Facility Provider and have questions about this alert, please contact the Nursing Facility Licensing Unit at NFLicensing@dhsosha.state.or.us

If you are a Residential or Assisted Living Provider and have questions about this alert, please contact the Community Based Care Team at CBC.Team@dhsosha.state.or.us

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