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Aloha CMA and CCFFH Operators,

The information contained in this official newsletter has been reviewed and approved by DOH/OHCA. It is being distributed to all CMAs and CCFFHs.

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Aloha!

The Office of Health Care Assurance (OHCA) distributed the attached COVID-19 Protocols and Guidelines that were developed specifically for the Adult Residential Care Homes (ARCH), expanded ARCH (E-ARCH) Type I and II, and Community Care Foster Family Homes (CCFFH) in February of 2021. Since February, the COVID-19 situation has changed with the increased availability of testing, rapid testing, at home testing, and vaccinations for COVID-19.

Now that there are many tools in the arsenal to battle the spread of the virus, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) have amended their visitation

guidelines to skilled nursing facilities to allow for visitation for all residents at all times while continuing to adhere to the core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention. While this guideline is only applicable to Medicare certified facilities, OHCA is forwarding these guidelines to licensed or certified care homes for your information and recommends that licensees adopt the same or similar visitation guidelines

Please read the attached CMS memo on Nursing Home Visitation- COVID-19 (REVISED) dated November 12, 2021 for the recommended visitation guidelines for your facility.

Mahalo

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CMS Visitation Changes:

https://mcusercontent.com/bb0d398cc73da4ae928de08db/files/253bed2f-728b-30fc-6e81-5767b55caa36/CMS_Visitation_Changes.pdf

COVID-19 Guidelines:

https://mcusercontent.com/bb0d398cc73da4ae928de08db/files/f792b272-2ba8-0d31-57b4-72dd8a20f235/AARP_DOH_AARC_CCFFH_C19Guide_f3.pdf