Indiana Department of Health

Long-term Care NEWSLETTER

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LTC Update:

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Updated POST Form

The [POST form](#) (Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment form) has been updated and is linked on the IDOH advance directives resource center webpage: https://www.in.gov/health/cshcr/indiana-health-care-quality-resource-center/advance-directives-resource-center/

HEA 1458 made several changes to the POST form, including:

- Provides that a declarant may include a person for whom a proxy has executed an out of hospital do not resuscitate (DNR) declaration.
- Defines "incapacitated" as related to an out of hospital DNR declaration.
- Defines "proxy" as related to an out of hospital DNR declaration and a physician order for scope of treatment (POST).
- Provides that a person's proxy may execute an out of hospital DNR declaration if certain conditions are met. Creates a declaration and order form to be used by hospitals if the declarant is incapacitated or incompetent.
- Allows a qualified person's proxy to complete a POST form if the person is incapable of making health care decisions and no representative is able and available to act.

- Allows a proxy to revoke a POST form or request alternative treatment. Provides that if alternative treatment is requested, the treating medical provider shall review the POST form with the declarant, the declarant's representative, or the proxy who has priority to act for the declarant.

Updated Reporting Guidance for COVID-19

New: Facilities are required to report on the Gateway application when the outbreak reporting threshold of COVID-19 is reached. The threshold is: Three cases of COVID-19 occur in residents in one defined area (such as hall, unit, neighborhood, street, pod, secured unit, vent unit) in a 48-hour period; or 10% or more of the current building census has COVID-19.

Please note the following:

- Any single case of a LTC resident or staff COVID-19 is considered an outbreak and contact tracing-based or broad-based testing should be performed per [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance](#).
- Death reporting remains unchanged.
- Continue (National Healthcare Safety Network) NHSN reporting per federal guidance
- Continue to practice infection control practices, and testing per the [CDC guidance](#)
- Facilities no longer have to report point-of-care test results on the REDCap
- Facilities do not have to report an outbreak case alert (a new resident or staff case after a facility has been free of COVID-19 cases for four weeks)

[COVID-19 Long-term Care Reporting Summary](#)

Project Firstline for CNA Training Programs

Attention all CNA training programs: A survey of CNA program administrators about the implementation of Project Firstline infection prevention materials may be delayed by:

- Not really knowing where to begin
- Not having the time to create new material
- Not having capacity to create new material

If this is you, the University of Indianapolis Center for Aging & Community cordially invites you to join an informational webinar about a Project Firstline infection control implementation plan. A webinar later this month will detail what Project Firstline is and provide you with:

- A plug and play PowerPoint

- Interactive resources that will engage students in new learning

The webinar will take place on July 25 from 1-2 p.m. EDT via Zoom. Use this link to register: https://uindy.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIldumgrTIqH92R-qj92Jordlk4IC5kwaJC

For more information, email Project Director Lidia Dubicki or call 317-791-5926.

IHCA/INCAL's Long-Term Care Weekly Regulatory Webinars Have a New Home on IHCA.org

The Indiana Health Care Association team wants to alert you of an upcoming change related to where and how long-term care professionals can access the Weekly Regulatory Webinars on IHCA.org.

Please note: Starting Tuesday, July 18, IHCA/INCAL's Weekly Regulatory Webinar will have a new home. You will be able to directly access the page by clicking on this link: https://www.ihca.org/regulatory-roundup/. These webinars also have a new name i.e. "Regulatory Roundup" and this new page hosts information on how to join the webinar and also includes weekly handouts and webinar recordings.

New Temporary Health Care Services Agency Registry

The Indiana Department of Health is now responsible for establishing and maintaining a temporary healthcare services agency registry. This was passed under HEA 1461 (2023), effective July 1, and is codified at Indiana Code § 16-52 et seq.

Additional guidance regarding who is required to register and what documentation is required to be provided can be found on the IDOH Temporary Health Care Services Agency Registry webpage.