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## **Long-term Care** **NEWSLETTER**

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### **LTC Update:**

- **Essential Family Caregiver (EFC) Program**
- **Increasing Vaccination rates in Nursing Homes**

### **Essential Family Caregiver (EFC) Program**

In April 2021, Senate Bill 202 was passed that outlines the requirement for all nursing facilities and residential care facilities licensed by the Indiana Department of Health to develop an EFC program. Each resident, or their designated representative, must be provided with information that outlines the facility's specific EFC program and provides information regarding the process to designate an essential caregiver and the appointed caregiver requirements.

The Indiana Department of Health Long-term Care Division has partnered with Probari to develop the EFC program toolkit that will include forms and educational material. This toolkit will be available next month.

[Essential Family Caregiver Program - Basic Overview](#)

### **Increasing Vaccination Rates in Nursing Homes**

Building confidence in the vaccines for COVID-19 among certified nursing assistants (CNAs) is essential. Increasing vaccine confidence among CNAs requires acknowledging the ways in which they are different from other groups and applying messages and strategies that address how they see themselves, their expertise and their essential role in caring for others. Please see the attached

documents on 8 key points for increasing vaccination rates as well as a longer guide from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

[Increasing Vaccination Rates in Nursing Homes - 8 Key Points](#)

[Invest in Trust: A Guide for Building COVID-19 Vaccine Trust and Increasing Vaccination Rates Among CNAs](#)