



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
Aging and Long-Term Support Administration
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COVID-19 VISITATION SUPPORT GRANT REQUESTS

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

Many nursing homes in our state applied for and received Civil Money Penalty (CMP) funding for communicative technology to assist residents in communicating with their families during this challenging time of COVID-19. To date, we have approved funding for nearly 150 nursing homes, totaling over \$400,000 for communicative technology. If your facility has not applied yet applied for this funding, and is interested in doing so, please visit the [CMP web page](#) and complete the COVID-19 Communicative Technology Application.

Additionally, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has recently authorized qualified applicants to submit the COVID-19 In-Person Visitation Application for the purchase of tents to support outdoor visitation and/or clear dividers (e.g., Plexiglas or similar products) to create physical barriers to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19 during in-person visits. Funding for tents and clear dividers is also limited to \$3,000 per nursing facility.

The COVID-19 In-Person Visitation Application is also available on the Department of Social and Health Services (department) [CMP web page](#). This application is for this in-person visitation funding only. CMP funds can only be used to benefit residents in certified long-term care facilities. Also included on the above web page are FAQs related to this funding which you should review prior to completing the application. The FAQs and the application template are specific about which items can and cannot be purchased.

If you are interested in this funding, please review the instructions carefully, then complete and return the application to melissa.lawton@dshs.wa.gov. The department will make a determination on the application and will notify applicants of the funding decision via email, typically within five to seven business days.

We know that the need for visitation with families is great and these funds can truly make a difference in the lives of nursing home residents. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Lawton, CMP Grant Program Specialist, at 360-725-3204 or by email at melissa.lawton@dshs.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

Candace Goehring, Director
Residential Care Services

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