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CMS QSO-22-15-NH & NLTC & LSC ANNOUNCING DISCONTINUATION  
OF SEVERAL WAIVERS IN 30 AND 60 DAYS

Dear Nursing Facility/Home Administrator:

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency (PHE), and under the authority established in section 1135 of the Social Security Act, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) enacted several temporary emergency declaration blanket waivers that apply to skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities (SNFs/NFs). The waivers were intended to give health care providers extra flexibility during the PHE.

On April 7, 2022, CMS released [QSO-22-15-NH & NLTC & LSC](#), stating that several waivers will lapse in 30 and 60 days.

**On May 7, 2022, emergency declaration blanket waivers for the following federal rules that apply to SNFs/NFs will lapse:**

- Resident Groups – [42 CFR 483.10\(f\)\(5\)](#)
- Physician Delegation of Tasks – [42 CFR 483.30\(e\)\(4\)](#)
- Physician Visits – [42 CFR 483.30\(c\)\(3\)](#)
- Physician Visits in SNFs/NFs – [42 CFR 483.30](#)
- Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement (QAPI) – [42 CFR 483.75\(b\)-\(d\) and \(e\)\(3\)](#)
- Detailed Information Sharing for Discharge Planning – [42 CFR 483.21\(c\)\(1\)\(vii\)](#)
- Clinical Records – [42 CFR 483.10\(g\)\(2\)\(ii\)](#)

**On June 7, 2022, emergency declaration blanket waivers for the following federal rules will lapse:**

- Physical Environment – [42 CFR 483.90](#)
- Facility and Medical Equipment Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance (ITM) – [42 CFR 483.90](#)
- Life Safety Code (LSC) and Health Care Facilities Code ITM – [42 CFR 483.90\(a\)\(1\)\(i\) and \(b\)](#)
- Outside Windows and Doors – [42 CFR 483.90\(a\)\(7\)](#)
- LSC Fire Drills and Temporary construction – [42 CFR 483.90\(a\)](#)
- Paid Feeding Assistants – [42 CFR 483.60\(h\)\(1\)\(i\)](#); [42 CFR 483.160\(a\)](#)
- In-Service Training for LTC Facilities (12 hours) – [42 CFR 483.95\(g\)\(1\)](#)
- Training and Certification for Nurse Aides – [42 CFR 483.35\(d\)](#)

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact Molly McClintock, Nursing Home Policy Program Manager, at (360) 742-6966 or [molly.mcclintock@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:molly.mcclintock@dshs.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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