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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES LANSING

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Attention: Nursing Home Providers

From: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS)

RE: COVID-19 Nursing Home Support Payments

The Department recognizes the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic on our Medicaid providers and is fully committed to working closely with you through this time.

The purpose of this communication is to share additional information regarding the COVID-19 nursing home support payments you will be receiving the week of November 2<sup>nd</sup> or sooner, if you chose to accept the terms for distribution outlined below and submit this signed later by Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. The intent of this additional funding is to support staff retention in facilities that have been hardest hit by COVID-19.

Acceptance of this payment constitutes agreement to:

- Dedicate this funding to efforts supporting retention of the facility's frontline workers, i.e.
  housekeeping, laundry, activity aides, maintenance, non-administrative nursing staff, etc.
  This does not include administrative and administrative support staff. These efforts may
  include, but are not limited to, enhancements around paid leave, base wages, bonuses
  for new or existing staff, or Personal Protective Equipment (PPE).
- Account for expenditures associated with this additional COVID-19 reimbursement and be prepared to provide support for these expenditures. These expenditures may be subject to audit.

The department will continue to communicate with all providers on any other steps that will be taken related to COVID-19.

Questions on this communication can be sent to MDHHS-MSA-COVID19@michigan.gov.

By signing and dating below, the individual or officer signing this letter certifies by his or her signature that he or she is authorized to sign this letter on behalf of the nursing home, responsible governing board, official and/or contractor(s), and agrees to abide by the specific COVID-19 nursing home support payment guidance provided by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Please return this completed letter to MDHHS-SNF-TESTING-FINANCIAL@michigan.gov, so that we can begin processing your payment.

| Signature | Date |
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