

## **IHANS ALERT NURSING HOMES**

### **Topic: CMS Issues Memo QSO-22-15-NH & NLTC & LSC Ending Specific Blanket Waivers Within 30 and 60 Days**

On April 7, 2022, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued [QSO-22-15-NH & NLTC & LSC \(PDF\)](#) - Update to COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Waivers for Specific Providers. The New York State Department of Health expects all providers to adhere to the specific program area guidance.

As stated in QSO-22-15, CMS is ending specific blanket waivers. Termination of these waivers end 30 and 60 days from publication of CMS memo [QSO-22-15-NH & NLTC & LSC \(PDF\)](#).

Providers are expected to take immediate steps so that they may return to compliance with the reinstated requirements according to the timeframes listed in the QSO.

In addition, CMS also recommends that providers continue to follow CDC guidance for preventing the spread of COVID-19, especially during activities that may increase patient or resident contact.

#### **Questions related to this CMS Guidance Should be directed as follows:**

Questions related to nursing homes, contact [DNH\\_TriageTeam@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:DNH_TriageTeam@cms.hhs.gov).

Questions related to physical environment and life safety code, contact [QSOG\\_LifeSafetyCode@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:QSOG_LifeSafetyCode@cms.hhs.gov)

All other program questions can be forwarded to the [covidnursinghomeinfo@health.ny.gov](mailto:covidnursinghomeinfo@health.ny.gov)