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MEMO: COVID-19 Communicative Technology CMP Request

Dear Long Term Care Administrator:

During this unprecedented and challenging time for both long term care staff and residents, we know how important it is for residents and their families to communicate.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has authorized qualified applicants to submit the Civil Money Penalty (CMP) Reinvestment Application, COVID-19 Communicative Technology Request for the purchase of communications technology equipment and accessories. These funds are to purchase equipment such as tablets (e.g., iPads, Samsung Galaxy Tabs, Kindle Fires, Amazon Echo Shows) and accessories (e.g., protective covers, headphones, cleaning and disinfection products) to assist with resident and family communications. The maximum amount of grant funding is \$3,000 per nursing facility. Exceptions are funded on a case-by-case basis (e.g., for facilities with a large number of residents).

The application and process information will be available on the Health Facilities Licensing & Certification (HFL&C) [CMP webpage](#). This application is designed for this communications technology funding only. CMP funds can only be used to benefit residents in certified long-term care facilities. HFL&C has also included FAQs related to this funding which you may find helpful on the CMP webpage.

If you are interested in this grant funding, please review the instructions carefully and complete and return the application to dhcs.hflc@alaska.gov. The department will make a determination on the potential of the project to benefit long term care residents and improve their quality of care and life. The department will notify applicants of the funding decision via email. The department will submit applications that exceed the \$3,000 funding limit to CMS for review and consideration.

We know that the need for communication technology is great and these funds can truly make a difference in the lives of long term care residents. If you have any questions, please contact Matthew Thomas, HFL&C Manager, at 907.334.2664 or matthew.thomas2@alaska.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. L. Thomas".

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