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Louisiana Department of Health
Health Standards Section

TO: All Medicaid/ Medicare Certified Nursing Facilities
Corporate Offices of Medicaid/ Medicare Certified Nursing Facilities

FROM: Cecile Castello, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Health Standards Section

SUBJECT: CMP Funds for Adaptive Communication Technology

DATE: May 12, 2020

Recognizing that visitor restrictions may be difficult for residents and families, CMS has developed an application template for requests for the use of Civil Money Penalty (CMP) funds to provide residents with adaptive communicative technologies. Applications can be made for up to \$3000 per facility for the purchase of communicative technology devices and certain accessories. Exceptions to the \$3000 limit may be considered on a case-by-case basis. Qualifying purchases made after March 11, 2020 are also eligible for consideration, but will require supporting documentation.

To apply, please complete and return the attached application to Linda.Sadden@la.gov. Please put "COVID 19 Communicative Technology" in the subject line and include the following in your email:

- The software that will be used for the virtual visits or telehealth
- The internet provider that will be used at each facility

You will be notified when your application is approved and will be provided instructions via email for reimbursement guidance. Please refrain from making the purchases until you are notified that your application has been approved.

Please note:

- The application provides examples of acceptable items. If you wish to purchase a device or accessory not listed, please submit a description of the item(s).
- Taxes and shipping costs are acceptable expenses but will count towards the \$3000 per facility limit.
- Accessories, taxes and shipping should be listed in column labeled "Type of Device."
- If you are applying for multiple facilities, please list all expenses on a per facility basis.

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- The application includes a list of unacceptable uses of the funds.

In case it may be of interest to you, the attached flyer describes an offer being made by iN2L for the purchase of tablets and their subscription service. Please note that the grant does not include payment of the subscription. Only the devices are covered.

We hope you are able to take advantage of this opportunity. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Linda Sadden at the email provided.

Attachments: CMP Reinvestment Application: COVID 19 Communicative Technology
iN2L offer