



**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Aging and Adult Services

**MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** All Long Term Care (LTC) Facilities and State Veterans' Homes

**FROM:** Sherlyn Sullivan *Sherlyn Sullivan*  
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**DATE:** July 31, 2020

**SUBJECT:** HHS Devotes \$5 billion to LTC Facilities & Veterans' Homes

This memo is to inform all Long Term Care (LTC) Facilities licensed in Louisiana and State Veterans' Homes ("nursing homes") that the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced they will be devoting \$5 billion dollars to build nursing home skills and enhance nursing homes' response to COVID-19. Nursing homes must participate in Nursing Home COVID-19 Training to receive these funds.

Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) has limited information regarding this opportunity at this time but will continue to inform providers as LDH receives information and guidance on how to apply for this funding. Providers can find current information regarding the announcement by going to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) press release site at the following link: <https://www.cms.gov/newsroom/press-releases/trump-administration-announces-new-resources-protect-nursing-home-residents-against-covid-19>.

Providers are encouraged to be watchful for future HHS and CMS press releases regarding funding announcements. If you have additional questions, please contact the OAAS Help Line at 1-866-758-5035.

c: LDH, Health Standards Section