


To: All Providers Participating in Nebraska Medicaid Program
From: Jeremy Brunssen, Interim Director 
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Re: Civil Money Penalty Funds for Communicative Technologies

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) has developed an application template for Nursing Facilities to request funding to provide communication technology assistance for facility residents through Civil Money Penalty (CMP) Reinvestment funds.

CMP funds are intended to improve the care and well-being of nursing facility residents. During this health emergency, visitors have been significantly restricted in the nation's long term care facilities. Through the CMP program, nursing facilities can request devices and accessories to assist residents with audiovisual communication opportunities.

Nebraska has limited funds for these requests and therefore applications may not be fully funded to the requested amount.

Facilities receiving approval will need to purchase the approved equipment and submit receipts for reimbursement. The process for reimbursement will be outlined in the approval notices. The attached FAQ from CMS contains important information regarding the allowable communicative technology.

The funds for this opportunity are directly related to civil money penalties issued by CMS for skilled nursing facilities and nursing facilities. This does not apply to any other type of provider such as assisted living facilities or independent living providers.

Nebraska Medicaid supports this effort to ensure our most vulnerable citizens in long-term care facilities have the ability to communicate effectively with their family and friends during the COVID-19 Health Emergency.

Please refer to the CMP FAQ located at:

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/CMP%20App%20COVID%20Comms%20FAQ.pdf>

If you are interested in applying for these funds please fill out the application located at:

<http://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/CMP%20App%20COVID%20Comms.pdf>

Completed applications may be sent to Dawn.Sybrant@Nebraska.gov.

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DHHS has a dedicated COVID-19 web page at: <http://dhhs.ne.gov/pages/Coronavirus.aspx>

The CDC's dedicated page is available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>