NC Department of Health and Human Services

COVID-19 Testing:
Reporting under Secretarial Order #2

Office Hours, 10:30-11:30

September 10, 2020
Updates and Reminders


Materials available on NC Medicaid COVID Provider Status Reporting Page now including definitions.

SPECIAL BULLETIN COVID-19 #129: Reporting Requirements and Financial Support to Nursing Homes under Secretarial Order No.2 posted [here](#).
Update on Secretarial Order No. 2 and CMS-3401-IFC

- **Secretarial Order No. 2 still in effect.**
- Department is examining in light of recent federal requirements (which do not cover all nursing homes).
- **COVID-19 Testing: Nursing Home Reporting** Portal is the reporting platform for Secretarial Order No. 2 reporting only.
- Please direct all questions about federal requirements to DHSR.
“Substantial Compliance”

• Did the required provider participate in the reporting?

• Does the provider’s testing activity reflect a pattern of compliance over a multi-week lookback?
  – If facility is not in Outbreak status/does not have newly identified positive case, state should see a pattern of bi-weekly staff/ HCP testing.
  – If facility is in Outbreak status/identifies newly identified positive case, state should see pattern of weekly testing of both staff/HCPs and residents.
Do we have to submit if we don’t have anyone in beds?

• If facility is reflected on NC DHSR 8/7/2020 Nursing Home Licensure List, please submit data for Reporting Period 1 and communicate the facility’s dynamic (even if all fields are “zero”).

• If facility is not reflected on NC DHSR 8/7/2020 Nursing Home Licensure list and does not have residents, facility does not need to submit data.
Once Submitted, Where Do I Go?

Finished? Another week to log? Go Home.
Reporting Period 1 Updates:

- 313 discrete facilities submitted testing data for Reporting Period 1 (as of Tuesday, 9/8 at 6:15p). THANK YOU

- Finalizing count this week. Facilities that have not submitted by COB tomorrow or have not otherwise communicated issues to state team will be officially “late.”

- For payments to be processed, testing data for Reporting Period 1 must be entered.

**Section II. Funding.**

DHHS will be providing CARES Act (P.L. 116-136) funding to nursing homes to pay for the required testing. Nursing homes that fail to substantially comply with these testing and reporting requirements will not be eligible for the payment and will be required to refund payments if testing is not performed in accordance with this Secretarial Order.
Notes from Reporting Period 1:

Duplicative records/submissions ("cases"):  
1. Users can’t modify submissions directly once submitted.  
2. If user would like to correct entry, please submit a new entry.  
3. In cases of duplicative entries, the state team will automatically pull most recently submitted data for that testing week into analysis.  
4. If provider wants to proactively remove earlier entries, please submit request to state team.
CARES Act Payment Processing

• Financial submissions currently being reviewed and processed.
• Will follow up with additional questions.
Upcoming Modifications for Reporting Period 2

• **Modifications to better reflect POC testing.**
  - Did facility a utilize Point of Care testing device for any of testing performed this week?
  - Clarification of testing method under financial reporting and related fields.
Questions and Answers