



Important Update re: COVID-19

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- **Information about vaccine mandate:**

As you may have already heard, the federal government, through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), has announced that all staff at long-term-care facilities must be vaccinated against COVID-19 in order for the facility to continue receiving federal funding from Medicare and Medicaid. Marklund does receive funding from those programs, and is required to follow CMS regulations. CMS is part of the federal government's Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

At this point, we do not have any specifics regarding this mandate. We do not know if it will be just for those specifically working in direct care, or everyone. We also do not know if there will be any exceptions.

We are waiting for the official word, and will share more information as soon as it is available.

Regards,

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