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Attached you will find a contract that DSHS is offering to any SNF that meets the facility and staffing requirements and is caring for or willing to accept COVID+ patients under the requirements.

Any facility that has either a stand-alone building, not connected to any other building where resident care occurs, or a segregated hall/wing that has fully separate air circulation systems, ingress and egress to the exterior to access the segregated area that no other staff or subcontractors use, and an air barrier to separate the segregated area may qualify. Other stipulations are that you may only admit COVID+ patients to the location and you must have staff that will only work in the COVID+ location and no other parts of your facility or for any other entities. Details for all requirements can be found in the contract.

One item from the contract to note is number 10. In the event Contractor is unable to provide a sufficient amount of personal protective equipment (PPE), to protect staff providing care for patients at the Location under this Amendment, DSHS shall provide the required PPE at no cost to the Contractor.

If you meet all of the above qualifications, and DSHS approves the contract with your facility, you can bill for and receive \$450 per day for each client you are caring for in your COVID+ location.

For Medicaid residents, you submit your normal Medicaid claim, then submit a monthly invoice for the resident to DSHS who will pay the remainder of the \$450.

For non-Medicaid residents whose regular payer has a rate lower than \$450, you will submit a monthly invoice to DSHS for the difference between the residents regular rate and \$450.

We have a few questions outstanding regarding transfer of positive residents from other communities including AL, AFH and SNFs and how the department and discharging facility handle any resident refusals for relocation to an alternative skilled nursing setting with a dedicated wing, unit or separate under the contract. We also have asked how you will handle the discharge of any COVID positive resident from the dedicated wing or unit once the person recovers.

We will keep you informed as we receive more information.

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