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Interpretative Guidelines

**SUBJECT:** Assisted Care Living Facility rule 0720-26-.08(1)(c) regarding admission or retention of resident with COVID-19

**DATE:** February 26, 2025<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>, February 7, 2024<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>, February 1, 2023<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>, June 1, 2022<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>, October 5, 2021<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>, June 2, 2021<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>, February 3, 2021<sup>\*\*\*\*</sup>, October 7, 2020<sup>\*\*\*</sup>, June 3, 2020<sup>\*\*</sup>; April 1, 2020

**RULES:** During the COVID-19 crisis, the above rule is interpreted to allow Assisted Care Living Facilities to admit or retain residents diagnosed with COVID-19 if the facility is capable of providing care and services to that resident following the CDC guidelines found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/healthcare-healthcare-facilities/index.html>.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>This waiver would remain in effect until the February 2026 Commission meeting.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>This waiver would remain in effect until the February 2025 Board meeting.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>This waiver would remain in effect until May 11, 2023 or the end of the Public Health Emergency (PHE) whichever occurs first.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>This waiver would remain in effect until the February 2023 Board meeting.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>This waiver would remain in effect until the June 2022 Board meeting.

<sup>\*\*\*\*\*</sup>This waiver would remain in effect until the October 2021 Board meeting.

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