



**NOTICE 0420501**

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TO: AAA Directors; PASSPORT Site Directors; Provider Relations Directors

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RE: Emergency Protocol - Additional Guidance

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The State has issued clinical and provider guidance to maximize flexibility in the nursing facility level of care waiver programs. This guidance was developed in by the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) and the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) to reduce the number of in-person contacts with Ohioans most susceptible to COVID-19.

Attached to this notice are two documents providing guidance to assist with implementing the State's emergency protocols. ODA and ODM are issuing these documents jointly with new questions added and and revisions to previous guidance noted.

During a webinar on April 3, 2020, ODA and ODM announced the clinical emergency protocol would be revised and reissued. That work has been completed in the attached.

Please direct your questions to the contacts above as appropriate.

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