

Dear Member,

As you may already be aware, an additional \$5 billion of the Provider Relief Fund authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act will be given to Medicare-certified long-term care facilities. This funding will be in addition to the \$4.9 billion previously announced to offset revenue losses and assist nursing homes with the costs incurred while responding to COVID-19.

In order to be eligible to receive this additional funding, facilities must:

1. Be Medicare-certified
2. Participate in the **Nursing Home COVID-19 Training** course created by CMS and CDC

This training is composed of 23 online modules, all of which can be completed at your own pace. This program supplements training already underway to better equip nursing homes to contain and stop the spread of COVID-19. A certificate of completion is offered, and recognition badges can be downloaded for display on the facility's website. Please click [here](#) to access the course. We have reached out to CMS and our NYS IPRO/QIO colleagues and are awaiting confirmation regarding which trainings are linked to the funding for skilled nursing facilities. GNYHCFA will continue to provide updates regarding this.

You may find additional information about the trainings [here](#).

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