

UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



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Dear Members,

Argentum has been advocating on the national level for the assisted living industry, especially for relief related to the pandemic. They have been working with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) for potential funding that could be of great benefit to Mass-ALA members. It would be helpful to this process of advocating for funds and the potential disbursement of funds if assisted living providers could submit their data to the portal as described in the message below. Please see the message below about Argentum's time-sensitive request that providers submit information to the portal, by **5PM Monday**.



To: Argentum Owner/Operator Member CEOs; Argentum Board of Directors; Argentum State Partners

From: James Balda, President & CEO

Re: URGENT ACTION NEEDED: Senior Living Trade Association Portal Live and Accepting Provider Information for Possible HHS Funding

Background

As we shared earlier this week, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is considering a possible distribution of CARES Act Provider Relief Funds to private-pay assisted living/memory care providers that are stand-alone or part of a CCRC, located in the U.S states and territories. Argentum, ASHA, NCAL, and LeadingAge are assisting HHS in an effort to collect the necessary information from these providers through [a private, secure data collection portal](#) to help ease a potential future distribution of application funds. At this time, we have no guarantee such a distribution will happen, nor are we aware of an allocation methodology, if such a distribution were to occur. However, providing HHS with this data is an important step forward, and we appreciate your help in being responsive to their request. Providers should submit the relevant data into this portal **by Monday, August 3 at 5 pm ET**.

Data Submission Portal Information

Who is eligible to submit information?

We encourage private-pay assisted living and memory care providers that are stand-alone or those part of a CCRC in the U.S. states and territories to submit their data. Please note that some states may use different terminology (e.g. personal care homes, supportive living facilities, etc.) to describe their licensed assisted living-type providers. All of these providers are encouraged to submit their information. For purposes of this portal, the term licensure also includes assisted living and memory care communities registered or certified by the state. Submitting your data does not guarantee you will receive or be eligible to receive a payment. You do not need to be a member of one of our senior living trade associations to participate in this secure and confidential data-collection effort.

What data must be submitted?

- Name of licensed/registered/certified assisted living and/or memory care community
- Name of entity that holds the license/registration/certification
- Address
- Community license/registration/certification number (some states may not provide a number)
- Corresponding Tax Identification Number (TIN)
- Taxpayer ID Number for the filing company
- Contact information for the person submitting data
- Include licensed assisted living that is part of a CCRC or a skilled nursing facility (SNF), even if the SNF has already received funding from the Provider Relief Fund.

Where do I submit the data?

All of the above information should be submitted either manually or by uploading a specific file ([see instructions for details](#)) in the [secure data collection portal](#). You will need to create an account. Please complete all the fields to ensure your submission will be accepted. Incomplete submissions will likely result in a delay in their inclusion. [FAQs are linked here](#), as well, which will be available on the portal soon.

What is the deadline to submit data?

Please submit the requested data into the [secure data collection portal](#) by **Monday, August 3 at 5pm ET.**

Thank you for your quick action in support of this vital aid to our industry. If you have any questions, please contact us at HHSproviderfund@argentum.org.

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