# **Covid-19 Medicare FFS Part A 3-day Stay and Spell of Illness Waivers**

As you know, CMS has released a national, blanket waiver of the 3-Day Stay and the Spell of Illness.  Blanket means these waivers apply to all states and all SNFs – no waiver request are needed.  To view the waiver, click [here](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/coronavirus-snf-1812f-waiver.pdf) and to view CMS detailed billing guidance under the waivers, click [here](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/se20011.pdf).

We understand you have many questions about how these waivers are operationalized and case examples which are confusing.  The AHCA team is working on a more detailed set of FAQs with case examples to provide more nuanced information with CMS input, which we hope to be released tomorrow (3/18/2020).  CAHF will continue outreach to our members with updated FAQs and guidance as they are available.

We absolutely understand the complexity and risk associated with these waivers but need time and your patience to release more detailed and concrete guidance.  Thank you very much.

# **Helpful Links for 3-Day Stay and Spell of Illness Waivers**

[CMS COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Health Care Providers Fact Sheet](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/covid19-emergency-declaration-health-care-providers-fact-sheet.pdf)

[MLN Article SE20011 - Medicare Fee-for-Service (FFS) Response to the Public Health Emergency on the Coronavirus (COVID-19)](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/se20011.pdf)

[AHCA CMS Issues Waivers of 3-Day Stay and Spell of Illness Update](https://www.ahcancal.org/facility_operations/disaster_planning/Documents/COVID-19%20%E2%80%93%20Update%2010.pdf)