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To: Genesis Rehab Services Business Partners

From: Lou Ann Soika, Chief Strategy and Administrative Officer

Re: Business Partner Communication

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As you may have read, Genesis HealthCare, our parent Company, made an announcement today regarding a restructuring plan. The restructuring is designed to improve the financial position of the Company post COVID-19, building on the encouraging signs we are seeing as COVID-19 case rates are dramatically declining, and residents, patients and staff are beginning to receive vaccinations.

This announcement has no impact on Genesis Rehab Services and the services we offer our customers. We value our partnership and we are committed to ensuring that you have what you need to continue providing world-class care to your patients and residents. Should you have any questions about this restructuring or how best we can serve you and your patients and residents, please feel free to reach out to your local Genesis team member at any time.

We thank you for your continued business and partnership.

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**J&J VACCINE INFORMATION:**

The Federal Drug Administration on February 27 issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for Johnson and Johnson's single-dose Covid-19 vaccine based on data from J&J's 45,000-person, international clinical trial. According to the trial's data, the vaccine was 66.9% effective at preventing moderate to severe Covid-19 among patients who had been vaccinated for at least two weeks. The data also showed there were no Covid-19 hospitalizations or fatalities among patients who had been vaccinated for at least 28 days.

In addition, there were no reports of severe allergic reactions, such as anaphylaxis, among those who received the vaccine as part of the trial, according to the data. Further, reported side effects in the trial appeared to be milder than those linked to the two-dose Covid-19 vaccines produced by Pfizer/BioNTech and Moderna, which FDA authorized for use in the United States last year. J&J's vaccine can be stored at normal refrigeration temperatures for at least three months, and it only requires one dose.

Following FDA's EUA, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, which is a panel of outside experts that advises CDC on vaccines, on Sunday voted 12-0 (with one abstention) to recommend the distribution of the J&J's vaccine to all adults in the United States. CDC Director Rochelle Walensky signed off on the committee's recommendation, allowing distributors to begin shipping the vaccine.

The federal government plans to distribute the vaccine doses it purchased from J&J in proportion to states' populations, which is the same way the government allocated Pfizer/BioNTech's and Moderna's vaccine. In total, the federal government has purchased 100 million doses of J&J's

vaccine, but supplies are expected to be limited until at least April. According to the *New York Times*, J&J is currently trying to ramp up production of the vaccine.

### **AHCA/NCAL BEGINS #GETVACCINATED CAMPAIGN:**

The national association received a grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to launch a campaign to encourage greater staff uptake of COVID-19 vaccine. Part of this effort is identifying strategies that have proven effective in overcoming vaccine hesitancy through a survey of providers. As Ohio readies its maintenance vaccination program that will give hesitant SNF and assisted living staff members a second chance, you may find the results of AHCA/NCAL's research in this [summary](#) helpful.

### **PROVIDER RELIEF FUND USE DOCUMENT::**

AHCA/NCAL [compiled](#) some key material from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) guidance on use of Provider Relief Fund (PRF) money. The document pulls together items from HHS's frequently-asked questions to address both permissible expenditures and transfer of PRF money among related entities.

### **REGULATORY UPDATES AND RESOURCES:**

In an effort to keep you up-to-date on the latest COVID-19 related releases and recommendations, Genesis Rehab in partnership with NASL have compiled selected recent links to documents related to long-term care facilities we hope you will find helpful.

**Updated Guidance From the CDC:** In a recent call with the CDC, it pointed to the section called Public health recommendations for vaccinated persons as part of recently [updated guidance](#) from 2/10/21. The particular section, Vaccinated healthcare personnel, patients, and residents in healthcare settings, is found about halfway down the guidance.

[Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Healthcare Personnel During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Pandemic](#) was updated 2/10/21. The CDC emphasized this guidance pointing to the section about half way down the guidance emphasizing a well-fitting facemask (e.g., selection of a facemask with a nose wire to help the facemask conform to the face; selection of a facemask with ties rather than ear loops; use of a mask fitter; tying the facemask's ear loops and tucking in the side pleats; fastening the facemask's ear loops behind the wearer's head; use of a cloth mask over the facemask to help it conform to the wearer's face.

**Upcoming Events From CMS:** CDC Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) Call: *What Clinicians Need to Know About the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine* – Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 2:00pm Eastern. This COCA Call will give clinicians an overview of the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine. Clinicians will learn about vaccine characteristics and administration, vaccinating special populations, and contraindications. They will also get answers to a number of clinical questions CDC has received about this new vaccine.

The slide set will be available on the day of the call under "Call Materials" on the [COCA Call webpage](#). If you are unable to attend the live COCA Call, the recording will be available for viewing on the [COCA Call webpage](#) a few hours after the live event ends.

A few minutes before the webinar starts, please click on the Zoom link below to join:  
<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1603748312?pwd=anlmUURkSEtmdzBLSmNOV0pJSzZUQT09>  
Passcode: 893944