

## **CPR Staff, Training, and TB Clarifications for Supportive Living Program During COVID-19 Pandemic**

Kara Helton, SLP Coordinator, HFS, answers some of your Supportive Living Program Questions during the COVID-19 Pandemic

### **CPR:**

If you have staff with CPR certification expiring during the COVID 19 emergency, document your attempt to locate training, such as notification from your local hospital that all CPR training has been canceled until further notice. HFS will only accept online training that includes a return demonstration. It is recommended to schedule at least one certified staff person on each shift. When the emergency is over, please seek out training as soon as possible. HFS will be reasonable during this time when citing findings.

### **Staff Training**

Regarding staff training for new hires, at a minimum, they must at least complete infection control, resident rights and abuse & neglect training during the COVID 19 emergency. For dementia care settings, new hires must complete the required 4 hours of dementia specific training within 7 days. If your staff has the opportunity and can complete more of the required topics timely, please do so since it benefits residents. HFS will be reasonable when citing findings during this time.

### **TB Testing**

SLP providers are not required to complete **annual** TB testing, unless the building's annual TB risk assessment indicates it is necessary. If you are accepting a new admission, a readmission from a nursing home >30 days or a new hire, please check with your local health department if you are unsure about testing.

### **RAIs, ISPs, Quarterly Assessments**

HFS will be reasonable when citing findings related to the timeliness of annual RAIs, ISPs and quarterly assessments during the COVID 19 emergency. If a resident has a significant change in condition, you must update the RAI and ISP. New admits should still have their assessments and plans completed timely so you are able to meet their care needs.