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Remittance Advice (RA) Message

Title: **Nursing Homes Are Prohibited from Seizing Residents' COVID-19 Stimulus Payment**

Issue Date: 06/11/2020

Run Length: 6 weeks

Provider Type(s): 010

Message: Most nursing facility residents are eligible up to \$1,200 stimulus payments under the CARES Act. These funds belong to the residents; seizure by nursing facilities is prohibited. Following reports of nursing facilities wrongly requiring residents to relinquish their stimulus payments, CMS Administrator Seema Verma announced that those who engage in this behavior "*will be subject to [federal] enforcement action.*"

Under state and federal Medicaid regulations, the stimulus payment is not counted as income for residents who are Medicaid eligible. Therefore, receipt of a stimulus payment does not affect eligibility, nor does it change a resident's monthly cost of care (the amount a Medicaid recipient must pay toward the cost of their long-term care).