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Dear Member:

MHCA analyzing Rulemaking Activities

There has been a flurry of activity this week on the federal and state regulatory fronts. CMS issued its interim final rule on COVID-19 reporting for nursing homes, while the state of Maine issued emergency rules for nursing homes and two separate sets of guidance documents. MHCA staff is reviewing and analyzing this information and will report out next week. Thank you for your patience.

Empowering Staff to Maintain Social Distancing

As Mainers act on Governor Mills' phased in re-opening, there is the potential for elevated risk for staff to become infected and unknowingly bring the virus into the facility. As such, we want to remind members to empower and encourage staff to maintain social distancing. AHCA/NCAL has drafted a [template message for frontline staff](#) on social distancing both while in and outside the facility. This document is intended to be distributed to or posted for frontline staff. Tailor this message as needed.

Alzheimer's Association Habilitation Train-the-Trainer

The Alzheimer's Association Habilitation curriculum is a train-the-trainer model created to prepare attendees already familiar with Alzheimer's and dementia care, to train direct care staff in a wide range of residential and community based settings. The 7-hour virtual training teaches attendees how to deliver the 13-hour curriculum based on the person-centered model of Habilitation Therapy.

The training dates are June 2 & June 9 from 9am – 12:30pm. Attendees must attend both sessions. In partnership with AgingME*, several **scholarships of \$600.00** per registrant are available. Priority will be given to one person per agency/company. Additional slots will be offered if available. Act NOW - Deadline to Register: May 20, 2020. More details can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/PCDC62692020>.

Thank you for all you do to care for your residents and staff.

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