

NURSING FACILITY RESIDENT MOVEMENT: CRC AND CRF OPTIONS

Operating during the coronavirus pandemic is stressful for healthcare providers and residents. The risk of residents experiencing [transfer trauma](#) are increased at this time. Transfer trauma refers to the various mood, behavioral, and physiological symptoms that may occur when a resident is transferred to a new location for care. If a facility has a confirmed COVID-positive resident and they are asymptomatic, minimally symptomatic, have not met criteria for discontinuation of transmission-based precautions (TBP), and/or do not require acute care provided in a hospital, what should they do?

The Care and Recovery Center (**CRC**) and Covid-Relief Facility (**CRF**) Programs were established under [Michigan Public Act 231 of 2020](#). These programs were designed to ensure Michigan's nursing homes were prepared to provide care to individuals who have tested positive for coronavirus under transmission-based precautions within the guidelines and best practices from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Michigan's nursing homes must be reviewed by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) to ensure they meet the minimum criteria within the legislation and associated MDHHS policies.

Is Facility a designated CR Facility T1? Residents can stay in their "home" facility while recovering in transmission-based precautions and should be readmitted from hospital or alternate facility upon discharge, even if still on TBP.

Perceived obstacles to a facility becoming CR Facility – T1 designated:

- Staffing: Facility should exhaust existing staffing company resources; contact their Healthcare Coalition Coordinator (HCC) if additional support in finding staffing resources is needed. [Provider Letter L 21-85](#) provides T1 facilities the flexibility to "designate" staffing on a per shift basis to meet the need to manage residents in home facility. Designate means a staff person will work from standard precautions to transmission-based precautions with high emphasis on infection prevention practices such as proper use of personal protective equipment, hand hygiene, and cleaning/disinfections.
- PPE: Facility should exhaust established vendor avenues; if assistance is needed in bridging the gap in supply provided by established vendors, the facility should contact their HCC.
- Space: Does facility need support with infection control and prevention measures? Contact IPRAT for support www.IPRAT@michigan.gov

Is Facility a designated CR Facility T2? Not only can they **retain** their own COVID-positive residents, but having met additional standards, may **admit** COVID-positive residents still requiring TBP from hospitals or alternate facilities.

Perceived obstacles for admission to a CR Facility T2:

- Bed Capacity or Floor Plan Change: Facility can increase bed capacity, decrease bed capacity, and/or change the location of their COVID unit. Facility will fill out [capacity change](#) application when changing COVID unit.

Facility is a CR Facility T1 (Retention) and would like to be designated T2 (Retention & Admission)

- Complete the “Change from Tier 1 to Tier 2 CRF Application”. *Applications will open October 2022 for FY23.*
- IPRAT will process application and forward to LARA to conduct a virtual visit.

Facility is not a designated CR Facility (T1 or T2) and no application is in process.

- CRF Applications will open October 2022 for FY23.
- Does closest CRC have available staffed beds? Resident is prioritized for admission to the CRC unit
 - No bed available? Resident should be discharged to next closest CRC/CRF with bed capacity
- Neither CRF nor CRC options are viable? Contact MDHHS-IPRAT@michigan.gov for guidance.

CRC is at capacity; however facility floorplan allows for increase in CRC Unit bed capacity

- Contact MDHHS-CareAndRecoveryCenters@michigan.gov to apply for capacity increase
- For staffing challenges, contact MDHHS-CareAndRecoveryCenters@michigan.gov for assistance

Online Resources

- Care and Recovery Center (CRC)
[MDHHS Designated Care and Recovery Center \(CRC\) Application](#)
Support: MDHHS-CareAndRecoveryCenters@michigan.gov
- COVID-Relief Facility (CRF)
[Coronavirus - Long Term Care COVID-19 Plan \(michigan.gov\)](#) Under **CRC and CRF Programs** accordion. Capacity change application and Current MDHHS Designated Tier 2 CRF lists can be found here.
Support: www.michigan.gov/IPRAT; MDHHS-IPRAT@michigan.gov