

## HPMS E-Mail

**Date:** April 30, 2020

**Subject:** CMS Announces Independent Commission to Address Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes

*Commission will comprehensively examine best practices in responding to COVID-19 in nursing homes*

As a part of President Trump's Opening Up America Again effort, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced a new independent Commission that will conduct a comprehensive assessment of the nursing home response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. The Commission will provide independent recommendations to the contractor to review and report to CMS to help inform immediate and future responses to COVID-19 in nursing homes. This unprecedented effort builds upon the agency's [five-part plan](#) unveiled last April to ensure safety and quality in America's nursing homes, as well as recent CMS efforts to combat the spread of COVID-19 within these facilities. Tomorrow marks the beginning of Older Americans Month and, as we take this time to honor seniors, CMS remains committed to enacting policies that benefit our Nation's seniors.

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