



Dear nursing home administrators and association leaders:

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has rescinded their [QSO-22-25-CLIA](#) guidance issued on Sept. 26, 2022. This change is effective immediately.

The memo clarifies that facilities are able to perform SARS-CoV-2 antigen Point of Care (POC) tests on asymptomatic individuals at their discretion.

The Ohio Department of Aging in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Health will continue to provide rapid antigen and PCR tests for those facilities who are opted into the state-supported testing program. Should you need to make an adjustment to your level of participation in the program, please log in to the COVID-19 Care Center portal (<https://covidcare.aging.ohio.gov/>).

We will continue to stay engaged with CMS and the Ohio Department of Health and provide any relevant updates should they be issued.

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