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## **NEXT STEP HEALTHCARE'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19 NURSING HOME VISITATION**

WOBURN, MA, March 10, 2020 – The safety and well-being of our residents is of the utmost importance and our top priority. Therefore, as a precautionary measure and at the recommendation of the Center for Medicaid & Medicare Services (CMS) in the March 9, 2020, Guidance for Infection Control and Prevention of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Nursing Homes (revised) we will be limiting visitors and individuals to our facility to prevent spread and exposure of COVID-19.

In lieu of visits we are considering offering alternative means of communication for people such as virtual communications, phone/video communication, FaceTime, Skype, etc.

We believe that the health and welfare of the most vulnerable - our residents - is essential. In addition to limited visitation we have implemented suggested protocols including but limited to those as issued by The Center for Disease Control (CDC) pertaining to use of precautions, hand washing, and employee training & education. In addition, we are monitoring employee travel and implemented self-quarantine for defined areas of travel to further protect potential for exposure in the facility.

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