



PAN SWAT Teams for “911” SNFs/ALs

S Situation	The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has reported a rapid increase of Omicron variant infections in the United States. To preserve health care resources, it is imperative that we implement strategies and operational guidelines to reduce the virus impact on available beds.
B Background	According to the Wisconsin Hospital Association, about 600 Wisconsin hospital beds currently are being used by patients who no longer need hospitalized care but are waiting for beds to open in long-term care facilities. Long-term beds are limited due to staff shortages and COVID-19 outbreaks in the nursing home setting.
A Assessment	As different areas experience a surge of COVID-19 cases, some SNF providers have been unable to accept patients. Patients need to be encouraged to accept any available SNF bed. We have implemented a plan, directing patients to any available open bed, helping to offer a vaccine booster as well as facilitating pre-placement testing (see CMS Discharge Planning Waiver SBAR).
R Recommendation	The majority of Advocate Aurora Post Acute Network (PAN) SNFs are focused on the short-term rehabilitation of patients vs. care for long-term custodial patients. Available beds numbers are sent to hospital care management leaders daily. Currently, we have implemented a home-first strategy to help decrease the congregate living population. We have also identified alternative sites that are close to Advocate Aurora hospitals. A SNF/AL response team is implemented for each PSA. The SNF/AL response teams are led by: Illinois - Sherry Tuman: 708.424.5841; sherry.tuman@aah.org Wisconsin - Gina Lemmenes: 920.946.7025; gina.lemmenes@aah.org The teams will include: • Manager, PAN SNF, Post Acute Program Managers • PAN Assisted Living Manager • PAN Medical Director • APN Manager and APRNs as needed • Business Development, as needed

	The teams' focus will include: • Placement assistance • Education • Coordination with local/state health departments • Medical management when appropriate • Communication with hospital and market • Resource management
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