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Kim,

My only suggestion right now is to go home delivered for a period. They could ask the seniors to stay home until they are no longer a carrier. Not sure how effective that would be.

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Tony, I received a call this morning from Elaine Gore, Assistant Director for Horry County Council on Aging concerning their Loris Center. They have discovered an infestation of bed bugs. Elaine reports that they have closed the center and had an extermination company come out to assess and treat the center. The exterminator has assured them of a 90 day clearance and they plan to reopen on Monday, October 6th. This process has cost the agency approximately \$2,000 and now HCCOA has been notified by several clients that they have bed bugs in their homes and are requesting that HCCOA pay for their homes to be treated. What do we do?

Elaine has contacted DHEC, etc. to try to get some guidance but has been told that bed bugs are only considered a nuisance and not a health hazard. Can you provide some guidance for me? If we have those folks come back into the center the problem obviously is going to reoccur as they bring the bed bugs back from their homes. People are upset and I fear that the "news" may be next. Thanks for any help you can give me on this one. Kim

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