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**Grants & Funds Update
for Health Care Providers**

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Today's Topics

- CARES Act Emergency Relief Fund
- Other CARES Act Funds
- COVID-19 Testing Funds

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CARES Act...a refresher

- CARES Act was signed on March 27, 2020
- Created a variety of funds and grants available to health care providers
 - \$100 Billion Emergency Relief Fund
 - Expanded Medicare Advanced/Accelerated Payment Program
 - \$200 million Telehealth Program
 - \$995 Million to support older adults and individuals with disabilities
- Paycheck Protection Program

Enhanced CARES Act

- Enhanced CARES Act was signed on April 24, 2020
- Created additional funds and grants available to health care providers:
 - Additional \$75 Billion to the Emergency Relief Fund
 - \$25 Billion for COVID-19 Testing
- Provided an additional \$310 Billion to the Paycheck Protection Program

CARES Act Recovery Fund

CARES Act Relief Fund

- Initially a \$100 Billion fund
- Additional \$75 Billion was added to the fund by the CARES Enhancement Act
- Eligible Providers
 - Hospitals, physicians and suppliers
 - Enrolled in Medicare & Medicaid
 - Billed Medicare & Medicaid in 2019
 - Treated possible or actual COVID-19 patients after January 31, 2020

Use of Funds

- COVID-19 “related expenses or lost revenues attributable to coronavirus”
 - Building or construction of temporary structures
 - Leasing properties
 - Medical supplies and equipment
 - PPE and testing
 - Training and education
 - Surge capacity

Allocation of Funds

- Initial and enhanced bill referenced “applications”
 - Still no applications
 - There is now a provider portal
- Two types of allocations discussed:
 - General
 - Targeted

General Allocations

- Primary form of allocations so far
- \$50 Billion
 - Initial \$30 Billion- April 10 and April 17, 2020
 - Second \$20 Billion- began April 24, 2020
- Not all providers appear to be eligible
- Must agree to terms and conditions
- Must sign attestation

Terms and Conditions

The Recipient certifies that it billed Medicare in 2019; provides or provided after January 31, 2020 diagnoses, testing, or care for individuals with possible or actual cases of COVID-19; is not currently terminated from participation in Medicare or precluded from receiving payment through Medicare Advantage or Part D; is not currently excluded from participation in Medicare, Medicaid, and other Federal health care programs; and does not currently have Medicare billing privileges revoked.

The Recipient certifies that the Payment will only be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, and that the Payment shall reimburse the Recipient only for health care related expenses or lost revenues that are attributable to coronavirus.

presumptive or actual case of COVID-19, Recipient certifies that it will not seek to collect from the patient out-of-pocket expenses in an amount greater than what the patient would have otherwise been required to pay if the care had been provided by an in-network Recipient.

FAQs

- **What constitutes “diagnoses, testing, or care for individuals with possible or actual cases of COVID-19?”**
 - CMS has taken the position that all patients are possible COVID-19 cases
- **Is this a loan or a grant?**
 - It is a grant and does not need to be paid back if you meet and comply with the terms and conditions
- **What are the “balance billing” restrictions?**
 - Only applies to COVID-19 related services
 - Any disputes should remain b/t you and the payer

General Allocation

- Has come in two “tranches”
 - \$30 Billion based on Medicare FFS
 - \$20 Billion based on total patient revenue
- Can request additional funds through online portal
 - Must sign attestation to receive additional funds
 - Have 30 days from initial payment to agree

General Allocation

- Need the following information:
 - TIN(s) that have received payment(s)
 - Amount of payment(s) received
 - Payment transaction/check numbers
 - Most recently filed tax form
- Will also need:
 - “Gross Receipts or Sales” or “Program Service Revenue”
 - Lost revenue March and April of 2020
 - Most recently filed federal income tax return
 - TINs

Targeted Allocations

- Treatment for the uninsured
 - Register online
 - Submit claims in May of 2020
- High impact areas
 - Deadline to apply has passed
- Rural providers
 - Proportional distribution
 - Starts as early as this week
- Indian Health Services
 - \$400 million to IHS
 - Starts as early as next week

Other CARES Act Funds

Older Adults and Disabled Individuals

- \$995 Million allocated to older adults and disabled individuals
- \$200 million to home and community based services
- \$480 million for delivered meals
- \$85 million for direct support and services to individuals with disabilities
- Funds are distributed to states not individuals providers

COVID-19 Telehealth Program

- \$200 Million allocated under the CARES Act
- Intended to help health care providers expand telehealth services
- Can cover:
 - Telecommunication services
 - IT services
 - Devices and technology
- Apply through the Federal Communications Commission
- First come, First serve

COVID-19 Testing Funds

COVID-19 Testing

- \$631 Billion in CDC funding
 - Spread out among 64 jurisdictions
 - Michigan has been allocated funding
- Additional \$25 Billion in the Enhanced Cares Act
 - \$11 Billion to States
 - Additional funds to NIH, CDC and other entities
- Can be used for:
 - Research, development, purchase, administration of COVID-19 test
- States must submit a plan to expand testing



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