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## **APG COVID-19 Member Update**

### **March 28, 2020**

Dear APG Members:

As this unprecedented health crisis continues, APG remains active in advocating on behalf of your practice and the patients and communities you serve. We will keep you updated with the very latest on COVID-19, any changes in legislation or regulations that you need to know, and best practices that some of your colleagues are implementing to help address this global challenge.

### **Urgent Alert:**

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) announced today that it will expand its Medicare accelerated and advance payment program to include physicians and other healthcare providers as part of the nation's response to coronavirus (COVID-19). These payments will help ensure that physician groups and other providers who are on the front lines of the COVID-19 fight have the resources they need to care for the patients and communities they serve.

CMS will begin accepting applications on Monday, March 30 and has indicated that payments will be issued within seven days of receiving a request.

APG was instrumental in advocating for this expansion. Earlier this week, we joined other health organizations in sending a [letter](#) to the Department of Health and Human

Services (HHS) and CMS, urging action to make certain that America's healthcare providers have the tools they need to answer the growing call for care.

Please click [here](#) to view the CMS press release and [here](#) for a CMS fact sheet on the expansion of the accelerated and advance payment program.

A friendly reminder that **APG will be hosting a webinar for our members on Tuesday, March 31 at 2:00 pm Eastern**. During the webinar, I will be providing a section-by-section overview of the legislation and will share additional resources that you and your practice may want to consider such as how to obtain small business loans and clarification on the use of telehealth codes.

Please click [here](#) to register for the webinar. We will send out additional details as needed.

We are here to serve as a resource for you. Please don't hesitate to contact me [here](#) with any questions you may have or any situations within your practice that you want me to be aware of.

You can find more resources on our [COVID-19 web page](#). As always, please know that we are in constant contact with federal and agency officials and will share any additional news with you as soon as possible.

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