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## APG COVID-19 Member Update

### April 1, 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:**

Yesterday, Small Business Administrator (SBA) Jovita Carranza and Department of the Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin announced the launch of the \$349 billion Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), part of the recently signed [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#).

The PPP is specifically designed to help small businesses keep their workforce employed. The SBA stated that...“The new loan program will help small businesses with their payroll and other business operating expenses. It will provide critical capital to businesses without collateral requirements, personal guarantees, or SBA fees – all with a 100% guarantee from SBA. All loan payments will be deferred for six months. Most importantly, the SBA will forgive the portion of the loan proceeds that are used to cover the first eight weeks of payroll costs, rent, utilities, and mortgage interest.”

The SBA and the Department of the Treasury expect to have the PPP running by

Friday, April 3. Please click [here](#) to apply for an SBA PPP loan and [here](#) to download an application

Click [here](#) to read the SBA press release and [here](#) for more information on the SBA PPP.

### **APG Summary of the CARES Act and Interim Final Rule**

We have summarized for our members the CARES Act and the recently published Interim Final Rule. Please click [here](#) to view the CARES Act summary and [here](#) for the Interim Final Rule summary.

### **APG CARES Act and Interim Final Rule Deep Dive Webinar**

Thank you to those of you who attended the Tuesday, March 31 APG Deep Dive Webinar on the CARES Act and Interim Final Rule.

If you were unable to attend, you can download the slide presentation here and the recording here (click play).

## **APG Members in Action:**

### **Mobilizing Doctors During the COVID-19 Outbreak: The Story Behind Privia Health**

APG member [Privia Health](#), a national physician-led medical group, mobilized a Coronavirus task force and transitioned more than 2,500 providers onto our proprietary telehealth platform during the first two weeks of the outbreak. Total virtual visit volumes increased from approximately 500 a week to over 6,000 a day in the span of 2 weeks without operational disruption. Privia leveraged its scalable training and education materials, secure cloud-based technology and industry partnerships to swiftly address the safety and financial future of our physician's practices.

Click [here](#) to learn more about how Privia Health is addressing COVID-19.

Please contact [Jen Porter](#), AVP, Marketing, Communications & Patient Experience with any questions or comments.

**Do you have any COVID-19 best practices you'd like to share?** Please email [David Allen](#), APG Director of Communications, with a brief description of what you're doing and we'll do our best to share your practice in a subsequent update.

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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