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## **APG COVID-19 Urgent Alert**

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## **FCC Report and Order on COVID-19 Telehealth Program:**

Today, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) released a [Report and Order](#) providing guidance on the COVID-19 Telehealth Program, a program established by the FCC following passage of the [Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security \(CARES\) Act](#). This program provides \$200 million in critical resources for healthcare providers who are on the front lines of this unprecedented health crisis.

Here are key takeaways from today's FCC Report and Order:

- The \$200 million will be available until the funds run out or the pandemic ends
- The FCC anticipates capping funds awarded at \$1 million per applicant to ensure as many applicants as possible receive funding
- Healthcare providers who are eligible to apply for funds are limited to:
  - Post-secondary educational institutions offering health care instruction, teaching hospitals, and medical schools
  - Community health centers or health centers providing health care to migrants
  - Local health departments or agencies

- Community mental health centers
- Not-for-profit hospitals
- Rural health clinics
- Skilled nursing facilities
- A consortia of healthcare providers consisting of one or more entities falling into the first seven categories

The categories of eligible applicants are important to note as **individual practices cannot apply**. However, **individual practices as part of a consortia are eligible to apply for funds**.

Applications for the COVID-19 Telehealth Program must be submitted through the FCC's [Electronic Comment Filing System](#) (ECFS) under WC Docket No. 20-89. The Commission will begin accepting applications for the COVID-19 Telehealth Program after publication of today's Report and Order and notice of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) approval of the COVID-19 Telehealth Program information collection requirements in the Federal Register.

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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