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## APG COVID-19 Urgent Alert

### April 24, 2020

### A Note of Clarification on the Targeted Allocation of Provider Relief Funds

Yesterday, following continued advocacy efforts to secure a stable stream of financial assistance for our members, APG received written communication from the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) informing us that physician practices were extended eligibility for its newest \$10 billion targeted allocation of funds from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (PHSSEF) for healthcare providers for hot spots that have been particularly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak. In the interest of quickly disseminating the information to enable immediate application for the funds, we sent an update to APG members yesterday afternoon to inform them of this critical resource.

Yesterday evening, APG received additional communication from HHS clarifying that **the targeted allocation funds are not available for practices**. However, practices are still included in the general allocation funding and we should be receiving more information on that process today. Much like we moved quickly to provide the latest information for your benefit during these difficult and uncertain times yesterday, we are providing this updated clarification to you as soon as possible to keep you informed on the everchanging process of applying for financial relief during the current public health emergency. If you have any further questions on this clarification, do not hesitate to reach out to APG.

In addition, HHS has also provided further clarification for hospitals on the targeted allocation in response to the following conflicting information provided in its initial announcement:

- Issues with the dissemination of the registration process for the authentication portal
- The listing of an incorrect date for the timeframe used to calculate the number of COVID-19 patients

HHS has extended the deadline for hospitals to apply to 3:00 pm EDT, Saturday April 25. Much of the confusion involved in the rollout of the new funding can be attributed to how quickly the agencies involved are moving in order to ensure as swift a dissemination of funding for healthcare providers and organizations as possible.

The clarification of the terms of the targeted allocation comes the day after legislation was [passed](#) in the House of Representatives approving the \$484 billion package that extends relief to the small business loans Paycheck Protection Program and the new \$75 billion in PHSSEF funding. President Trump is expected to sign the bill into law soon.

APG will continue to keep you informed during this fast-moving process and advocate before Congress on potential stimulus relief as debate in Washington continue.

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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