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APG COVID-19 Urgent Alert April 25, 2020

Additional Information for Providers on General and Uninsured Allocation Funding Released

Yesterday, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) began distribution of a second round of funding from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (PHSSEF) for healthcare providers to provide reimbursement for COVID-19 related expenses and lost revenue from the pandemic. **Please note that differs from the targeted distribution noted in [yesterday's Urgent Alert](#) in which practices cannot qualify.**

One of the allocations that distributes funding for providers is the general allocation which consists of the following:

General Allocations

- \$20 billion will be distributed to facilities and providers impacted by COVID-19, based on eligible providers' 2018 net patient revenue from all payor sources.
- A portion of providers will automatically be sent an advance payment based off the revenue data they submit in Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) cost reports

- These providers will still need to submit their 2018 net patient revenue information through the [General Distribution Portal](#) so that it may be verified
- **Other providers (like practices) without the adequate cost report data for automatic advance payment on file should go to the Provider Relief portal linked from hhs.gov/providerrelief and follow the instructions provided on how to claim the second general distribution**
 - **Facilities or providers must have a Medicare billing Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) in order to qualify for this payment**
- Payments will go out weekly on a rolling basis (the first wave was delivered yesterday, April 24)
- Providers who receive funds must also sign an [attestation](#) confirming receipt of funds, agree to the terms and conditions of payment, and confirm the CMS cost report
- Surprise billing for presumptive and actual patients that is greater than what the patient would have otherwise been required to pay if the care had been provided by an in-network provider is prohibited

Providers may estimate their expected general revenue distribution by using the following formula:

- $(\text{Individual Provider 2018 Revenue} / \$2.5 \text{ Trillion}) \times \$50 \text{ Billion} = \text{Expected General Distribution}$

For additional information, recipients should visit <http://hhs.gov/providerrelief> or call the CARES Provider Relief line at (866) 569-3522.

Allocations for the Uninsured

On Monday, April 27, the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) will officially launch the [COVID-19 Uninsured Program Portal](#) for providers to request claims reimbursement for COVID-19 testing or treatment for uninsured COVID-19 patients conducted on or after February 4, 2020. In order to receive funds, providers must follow the steps below:

- Enroll as a provider participant
- Checking patient eligibility and benefits
- Submit patient information
- Submit claims

- Receive payment via direct deposit

Providers may begin submitting claims in early May 2020. Due to the limitation on these funds, we would recommend that you submit ASAP.

APG will continue to advocate for the adequate and complete funding for providers throughout this process and keep you up to date as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to unfold. Please email us with any questions.

Some Public Hospitals Eligible for Paycheck Protection Program Funding

Yesterday afternoon, the Department of Treasury released [guidance](#) clarifying that some government-entity owned hospitals may be eligible for Payment Protection Program (PPP) loans. The PPP was launched as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to assist small businesses in keeping workers on the payroll amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Hospitals that are partially owned by state and local governments and receive less than half of their total funds from public sources (excluding Medicaid) are eligible for a PPP loan.

It is hoped that this flexibility will extend additional assistance to rural hospitals.

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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