



PLANNING and PREPAREDNESS

RESPONDING TO THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

RESOURCES FOR PHYSICIANS AND PATIENTS



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The MMS will continue to monitor developments related to the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the response by state and federal agencies. For current information, including updates from the NEJM, visit the dedicated page on the MMS website: massmed.org/covid-19.

If you have questions, we will bring them to the appropriate stakeholder for an answer. Please send questions to the [MMS Department of Health Policy and Public Health](#).

Public Health

Thursday afternoon MMS member call with Massachusetts DPH

The Medical Society requested and was granted a second opportunity for our member physicians to engage the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) on an informational call regarding COVID-19. This call will take place **Thursday, March 26, at 3:30 p.m.** and will include Dr. Monica Bharel, DPH Commissioner, Kerin Milesky, Director, Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management, Dr. Larry Madoff, Director, Division of Epidemiology and Immunization, and Dr. Catherine Brown, State Epidemiologist and State Public Health Veterinarian.

We also invite you to access important information, resources, and clinical guidance by visiting our dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#).

If you are interested in becoming an MMS member, please visit our [Membership information page](#) or email [MMS Membership](#).

Practice Management

AMA releases coding advice for providers during COVID-19 emergency

In our continuing effort to provide physicians and their office staff with the latest billing and coding information, we are pleased to share the American Medical Association's newly released [new coding guidance for providers](#) regarding COVID-19. The guidance outlines scenarios to help health care professionals apply best coding practices. This coding guidance will also be housed on the MMS practice and payer information resource section of the [MMS COVID-19 website](#).

Also, stay tuned for a summary of the telehealth coding and billing guidelines for Massachusetts health plans, including MassHealth, which is a follow-up to the release yesterday of the [COVID-19 Billing Guidelines for Telehealth Services](#). For questions about telehealth services or concerns about financial sustainability, please contact PPRC at pprc@mms.org.

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