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July 15, 2020

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 NEJM, visit the dedicated page on the MMS website: [massmed.org/covid-19](https://massmed.org/covid-19).

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## MMS Programs and Events

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### Psychological First Aid: Healthy recovery now and in the aftermath of the COVID-19 public health crisis

The coronavirus pandemic has impacted physicians and other first responders physically and emotionally. The daily occurrence of sheltering behind PPE, quarantining from family and friends after long work shifts, and the lack of time to mourn all exact a heavy toll.

"Psychological First Aid," a live webinar sponsored by the MMS and the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society, will:

- Describe the impact of traumatic incidences on mental health and resulting sequelae on first responders.
- Introduce the treatment principles for Psychological First Aid.
- Highlight the linkage between racial trauma and injustice, moral injury, and mental health aspects of the coronavirus pandemic.

- Identify ways in which Psychological First Aid can be adapted to various trauma and disaster settings.

**Event details:**

- Date: Wednesday, July 15
- Time: 7:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.
- [Register here](#)

**Accreditation Statement**

The Massachusetts Medical Society is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

**AMA Credit Designation Statement**

The Massachusetts Medical Society designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.25 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits TM*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Risk Management**

This activity meets the criteria of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine for risk management study.

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**Practice Management**

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**Video: AMA on diversity in the health care workforce**

The American Medical Association (AMA) talks to physicians about how the COVID-19 pandemic has amplified the lack of physician diversity, and how to create a more diverse health care workforce beginning with medical school admissions and residency selection. To watch, [click here](#).

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**Provider Relief Fund: Deadline to apply is July 20, 2020**

On June 9, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced the distribution of fifteen billion dollars from the Provider Relief Fund to eligible providers who (1) participate in their state's Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and (2) have not received a payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Distribution. Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) released a [Provider Relief Fund: Medicaid and CHIP fact sheet](#) earlier this week. We encourage more physicians to apply for funding ahead of the July 20 deadline.

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## COVID-19 Medicare Part B advanced payment, repayment and recoupment process webinars

If you requested and received accelerated or advanced payments from Medicare due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, this learning session is for you. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) expanded the accelerated and advance payment program for financial hardship relief during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Accelerated or advanced payments need to be repaid to the Medicare Trust Fund. During this webinar, National Government Services (NGS) will review the repayment and recoupment process.

### Session 1

- Date: Thursday, July 16
- Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. EDT
- [Register](#)

### Session 2

- Date: Thursday, August 13
  - Time: 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. EDT
  - [Register](#)
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Friday: CMS COVID-19 “Lessons from the Front Lines”

“Lessons from the Front Lines” calls are a joint effort between Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Seema Verma, U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Commissioner Stephen Hahn, MD, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force. Physicians and other clinicians are invited to share their experiences, ideas, strategies, and insights related to their COVID-19 response. There is an opportunity to ask questions of presenters.

This week’s "Lessons from the Front Lines":

- Date: Friday, July 17
- Time: 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EDT
- Dial-in: 833-614-0820
- Access code: 3096434
- [Weblink](#)

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## DOI & CHIA meeting for providers: testing and telehealth

The Division of Insurance (DOI) and the Center for Health Information and Analysis (CHIA) hosts regular meetings to offer providers an opportunity to raise questions and concerns related to Governor Baker's emergency order commercial insurance provisions.

The next meeting will focus on testing and telehealth and will be recorded for later viewing.

- Date: Thursday, July 23
- Time: 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT
- [Meeting URL](#)
- Meeting ID: 290 289 5643
- Passcode: 501

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