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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.

Public Health

PPE Resources

If you are looking for personal protective equipment, several local organizations may be able to help. [Click here](#) for a list of resources.

NEJM video in clinical medicine: PPE

This video demonstrates the procedure for donning and doffing one type of PPE recommended by the CDC for use in hospitals to minimize infectious material exposure during the care of patients with COVID-19. [Watch the video](#).

NEJM COVID-19 treatment simulations website

The spectrum of COVID-19 presentations ranges from a mild self-limited flu-like illness to life-threatening multi-organ failure. While hoping for the best, prepare for the worst by engaging in these [five treatment simulations](#) that mimic the real-life unforgiving uncertainty of medicine.

Practice Management

Deadline: Providers must act by June 3 to receive additional relief funds from HHS's General Distribution

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is reminding eligible providers that they have until June 3, 2020, to accept the terms and conditions and submit their revenue information to receive an additional payment from the Provider Relief Fund \$50B General Distribution.

Providers who automatically received an additional General Distribution payment prior to 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 24, must provide HHS with an accounting of their annual revenues by submitting tax forms or financial statements. These providers must also agree to the program terms and conditions if they wish to keep the funds. Providers who have cases pending before the department for adjudication regarding eligibility for general distribution funding will not be impacted by this closure. HHS will need to receive all cases requiring individual adjudication no later than June 3, 2020.

CMS new FAQs

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released additional [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs) on recent COVID-19-related waivers to help physicians, hospitals, and rural health clinics. The document includes information about:

- Outpatient therapy
- Telehealth and appropriate coding
- Payment for specimen collection for purposes of COVID-19 testing
- Skilled nursing facility services

- Home health
 - Chronic care management services
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Telehealth services in the age of COVID-19 for Medicare Part B providers webinar, Wednesday, June 3, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

National Government Services (NGS) is hosting this webinar to review the latest updates regarding COVID-19 and how they apply to Medicare Part B, the temporary changes for telehealth and telemedicine services, and to review common questions. Following the presentation, NGS will address additional questions from our provider community.

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. EDT

Register: [Click here](#)

COVID-19 Medicare Part B advanced payment, repayment and recoupment process webinar, Thursday, June 11, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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 and 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, CMS will review the repayment and process.

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2020

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. EDT

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