

COVID-19 Daily Report to Members ~ April 3, 2020



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Thanks for all you are doing!

Breaking - CMS call for hospitals today

This afternoon, AHA announced a CMS webcast for hospital leaders. CMS will provide updates on actions it announced this week to increase hospital capacity; expand the health care workforce; and promote telehealth in Medicare. Specifically, CMS said it is interested in hearing from hospital and health system leaders on addressing the workforce challenges during these unprecedented times.

CMS Audio Webcast - [click here to register](#).

April 3 ~ 5:30p Mountain / 4:30p Pacific

You must register for the audio webcast to participate.

Attendee Dial In: 877-251-0301

Conference ID: 8527456

Reimbursement & Policy

[Accelerated / Advanced Payment program clarification](#)

Yesterday, we shared the fact sheet provided by CMS for hospitals accessing Accelerated / Advanced Payments. Today, AHA provided some **additional clarification** received from yesterday's call, including information on the interest rate for advanced payments at the conclusion of the repayment and grace periods.

Quality & Patient Safety

[New information for sign language interpreting for patients](#)

Please review the **guidance** from the Idaho Council on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing as it relates to interpreting for those COVID-19 patients with sign language needs. The guidance also includes a list of available interpreters who are committed to facilitating communication access, both on-site and remotely, during the pandemic.

Virtual Meetings, Education & Updates

[Accessing FEMA reimbursement funds](#)

IHA is partnering with the Mississippi Hospital Association and Witt O'Brien's in a complimentary two-part webinar series for those interested in applying for FEMA funding. Series presenters Brad Gair, William Roche, and Jonathan Hoyes (managing directors at Witt O'Brien's) all have leadership experience with FEMA. To register, please click the links below.

[Preparing for FEMA Disaster Declaration Reimbursement](#)

Wednesday, April 8, 9am-10am MT / 8am-10am PT

This webinar will highlight first steps for members in need of a plan for FEMA reimbursements.

[Accessing the \\$2 Trillion Recovery Fund for COVID-19](#)

Thursday, April 9, 12pm-1pm MT / 11am-12pm PT

This webinar will highlight first steps for members in need of a plan for accessing the \$2 trillion recovery fund for COVID-19 including key deadlines, documentation, and what costs may be reimbursable.

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