Reimbursement & Policy

ASPR grants for hospitals

IHA has received a Notice of Award from the Department of Health (ASPR), that will support a pilot program for rural hospitals to serve as alternative care sites (ACS). More details on this step will be shared soon.

Quality & Patient Safety

NIH releases first treatment guidelines

Today, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced the first treatment guidelines for COVID-19 patients intended for healthcare providers. The guidelines were developed by a panel of U.S. physicians, statisticians, and other experts and are intended for healthcare providers. The information is based on published and preliminary data and the clinical expertise of the panelists, many of whom are frontline clinicians caring for patients during the rapidly evolving pandemic.

The guidelines describe the evaluation and stratification of patients based on their risk and severity of illness. Also included is a description of considerations for clinicians caring for the most critically ill hospitalized patients, which includes infection control procedures, ventilatory support, and drug therapy.

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Resources for managing COVID-19 in rural communities

AHA released the first edition of “Rural Hospital Interventions for Coronavirus (COVID-19)”, a resource page that includes case studies.

Virtual Meetings, Education & Updates

This week’s CMS hospital and provider COVID-19 calls

CMS will host a call for hospitals, health systems and providers to answer questions on the status of the $12 billion Paycheck Protection Program Fund. For a replay, click here.

IHA expects funds to be available by the end of this week, at which time the funds will be immediately dispersed to hospitals along with counter-signed sub-recipients agreements, templates of sub-recipient agreements and a hospital step-by-step guide. For questions regarding the ASPR funding, contact Larry Tisdale.

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