



## ASPR Grant Funding

Today, IHA mailed out checks to hospitals through the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response grant program. These federal funds were made available to hospital associations to provide funding support to their member hospitals.

## Reimbursement & Policy

### SBA now accepting PPP loan applications

As noted in [Friday's Daily Update](#), an additional \$310 billion has been added to the SBA's Paycheck Protection Program. Today, the SBA began accepting new loan applications. The loans, which may be forgiven under certain conditions, may also be applied for by governmental hospitals based on last week's [interim final rule](#) by the SBA.

### Changes to Accelerated and Advance Payment Programs

Yesterday, CMS announced the reevaluation of the Accelerated Payment Program and suspension of the Advance Payment Program. The programs were designed to provide needed funds to providers and would be recouped by CMS at a later date.

CMS has generally referred to the Accelerated Payment Program in terms of IPPS, children's, cancer and critical access hospitals; while the Advanced Payment Program referred to other providers and suppliers.

AHA continues working to see if CMS will make improvements to the programs including more flexible repayment terms and adjustments to the interest rate.

### Register for COVID-19 uninsured patient reimbursement

For providers who are or may seek reimbursement for [COVID-19 testing and treatment for uninsured patients](#), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) has opened a portal for claims submission.

Treatment for uninsured individuals on or after Feb. 4 will generally be reimbursed at Medicare rates, subject to available funding. Services may be performed via telehealth, in provider offices, and in emergency, inpatient, outpatient and post-acute care settings.

To gain access to reimbursement, providers will have to:

- [enroll as a participating provider](#);
- attest they have checked the patient's eligibility for other coverage; and
- agree to the terms and conditions – including not to balance bill the patient.

## Resources & Equipment

### Clarification on reporting PPE

Regarding reporting of PPE inventory to multiple platforms, IDHW provided clarification to providers and hospitals.

Reporting in IRTS (the Idaho Resource Tracking System) is a daily task that provides critical information for Idaho's emergency response and in determining stages for reopening Idaho.

The [SURVEY 1-2-3](#) system is if a facility is in need of PPE that cannot be procured through normal channels. This data goes to the Idaho Emergency Operations Center and does include requests for FEMA supplies as well as those from Idaho's stockpile. Hospitals are encouraged to work with their local public health district in creating a request for assistance. Agencies that are not reporting to or updating Survey 123 as requested will be ineligible for resupply.

For assistance, please contact [Becky Rose](#) (Survey 1-2-3) or [IDHW Planning](#) (IRTS).

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