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SARS-CoV-2 testing ~ Virus versus Antibody Testing



Reimbursement & Policy

HHS extends attestation deadline for payments

Hospitals and providers will now have **45 days to review and accept** the terms and conditions for the federal funds distributed by HHS.

Money from the CARES Act and the PPP were distributed to hospitals and other providers to help stem the tide of lost revenues they are experiencing during the pandemic. While funds were automatically sent to hospitals, attesting to receipt of the payments and accepting the terms and conditions is required. Not returning the payment within the 45-day window will be viewed as acceptance of the terms and conditions.

Modified ordering requirements for lab billing

CMS is "relaxing" lab billing requirements during the COVID-19 public health emergency. Any provider authorized under state law may order certain tests related to **COVID-19, influenza, or RSV** without a written order from the treating physician or other practitioner and have those tests paid for by Medicare.

Resources & Equipment

PPE deliveries to nursing homes

Today, Idaho's Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) announced that Idaho's nursing homes would be **receiving PPE shipments** from FEMA. This supply is intended to supplement existing supplies and other initiatives working to get PPE to all frontline workers.

Each Medicare/Medicaid-certified nursing home will receive two shipments, totaling a 14-day supply of PPE for their employees. Shipments are slated to begin this week; however, FEMA has not provided a timeline. Rather, they will notify IOEM when shipments begin here. The second delivery is expected in early June.

The deliveries will include eye protection, masks, gloves and level 1 gowns. The amount received by each facility is based on the number of staff.

Virtual Meetings, Education & Updates

Webinar ~ PPE Preservation Strategies

Presenters will share successes and challenges with implementation of PPE preservation both by individuals and organizations. This interactive session, hosted by New Mexico's Project Echo, aims to create peer-to-peer learning, while including a generous amount of time for participant Q & A.

Friday, May 8 ~ 10a-11a MT / 9a-10a PT

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