Reimbursement & Policy

Potential unspent funds in Idaho

The Idaho Fiscal Policy Foundation examined all 2020 spending data from the state’s 14 hospitals and found that 19 of the 14 hospitals did not use all of the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund (PRF) award. In total, the 14 hospitals received $20.8 million in PRF payments and had $2.9 million remaining.

The PRF funds were intended to support hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic. According to the Idaho Fiscal Policy Foundation, the unspent funds could be a result of hospitals not having enough demand to use all of the funds or not having enough demand to use the funds in the way they were intended.

Resources & Equipment

FDA expresses concern about Abbott testing

Yesterday, the US Food and Drug administration issued a warning letter against Abbott Laboratory, which is producing a COVID-19 test that uses a molecular test method.

The FDA conducted a post-market evaluation of the Abbott Laboratories ID NOW test using 120 samples from Iowa. The test was 100% accurate for samples in which the virus was found, but it was 79% accurate for samples in which the virus was not found. The FDA also found that the test results did not always match the results of other tests.

Quality & Patient Safety

CDC updates COVID-19 forecasts


The national- and state-level forecasts suggest that states with high numbers of deaths reported to date are likely to see substantial increases in the coming weeks, while states with low numbers of deaths reported to date are not likely to see a rapid rise in the coming weeks. State-level ensemble forecasts indicate that states with low numbers of COVID-19 cases are likely to see substantial increases in the coming weeks.

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