Reimbursement & Policy

SBA shares PPP loan forgiveness application

For those organizations that received a Paycheck Protection Program loan, the SBA recently released the application necessary for loan forgiveness. As part of the application, the borrower will be able to determine if they qualify for forgiveness and if so, how much. This calculation is based on the size of the loan, payroll and other costs, adjustments to the number of employees, and other elements. Borrowers are then able to properly submit their applications as well as retain the necessary documentation.

Senate begins work on next relief package

Although the US House of Representatives passed their $3 trillion HEROES Act last week, the US Senate intends to write its own version of the next COVID-19 relief legislation. IHA and the American Hospital Association are encouraging members of Congress to include the following four pillars that support healthcare in any relief package:

- additional support for health care heroes;
- forgiveness for accelerated payments;
- maintaining health benefits for individuals and families and increasing coverage options for those who are uninsured; and
- appropriate liability protections to front-line medical providers and facilities.

If you have an opportunity to reach out to Senator Crapo and/or Senator Risch, please stress those points with them for inclusion in the next relief package.

Quality & Patient Safety

CAHs discuss resuming operations

Earlier this month, quality and patient safety staff from Idaho CAHs and IHA joined with staff from the Bureau of Rural Health & Primary Care and Comagine Health to discuss resuming non-emergent and elective procedures. Dr. Christine Hahn from Idaho’s Division of Public Health shared key considerations and metrics for small facilities to consider as they resume operations. Resources from the meeting are available in Dropbox, including Dr. Hahn’s slides and a recording of the discussion. If you are interested in future meetings to hear the latest updates as well as share challenges, ideas, and lessons learned with your colleagues, please contact Nicole Hernandez.

Virtual Meetings, Education & Updates

Webinar ~ Post-COVID-19 Well-Being and Resilience

AHA’s Physician Alliance will host a webinar on how to move beyond the prevention of burnout, and instead systemically cultivate human thriving and connection in ways that promote resilience, well-being and joy for all health care team members.

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