



COVID-19 Report to Members ~ April 20, 2021

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Reimbursement & Policy

[IDHW announces additional funding for providers](#)

Beginning this week, IDHW is opening a **new round of funding** for hospitals and other Medicaid providers to support their response to the pandemic. This funding comes from CARES Act funds allocated to the state.

The funding is targeted to those Medicaid providers who can demonstrate expenditures or lost revenue directly related to the prevention, preparation, and response to the pandemic or directly related to the care of possible or actual COVID-19 patients or Medicaid participants.

Applications will be accepted April 22 through June 18.

Quality & Patient Safety

[Updates on Johnson & Johnson vaccine](#)

After last week's pause on the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine, both the FDA and CDC have provided updated FAQs:

- [FDA FAQs](#)
- [CDC FAQs](#)

In addition, the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will meet on April, 23 beginning at 9a MDT to discuss the vaccine. While the details for the meeting have not yet been released, live streaming will be available [here](#).

[EUA for bamlanivimab used alone revoked](#)

On April 16, the FDA issued [updated information](#) for monoclonal antibody treatments. Citing data showing that variants are resistant to bamlanivimab alone, the FDA revoked the EUA for bamlanivimab in treating mild-to-moderate cases of COVID-19. However, the EUA allowing bamlanivimab and etesevimab to be administered together remains in effect.

Virtual Meetings & Education

[HHS to discuss hospital data reporting](#)

On April 22, HHS will provide an update on its plans to reevaluate and streamline hospital data reporting.

HHS Hospital Data Reporting Update

Thursday, April 22 ~ 12p MTN / 11a PAC

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