



COVID-19 Report to Members ~ July 6, 2021

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Reimbursement & Policy

PRF reporting portal opens

Hospitals and providers who received Provider Relief Funds (PRF) prior to June 30, 2020 must report their use of the funds before September 30, 2021.

Using the newly opened [reporting portal](#), providers can document how they used the emergency funds for healthcare-related expenses or to cover lost revenue attributable to the pandemic. There are currently four designated reporting periods:

- July 1 – Sept. 30, 2021 – for payments received between April 10 – June 30, 2020
- Jan. 1 – March 31, 2022 – for payments received between July 1 – Dec. 31, 2020
- July 1 – Sept. 30, 2022 – for payments received between Jan. 1 – June 30, 2021
- Jan. 1 – March 31, 2023 – for payments received between July 1 – Dec. 31, 2021

In addition to the [fact sheet](#) and [toolkit](#), HRSA will host a webcast on July 8 at 1p MTN / 12p PAC on reporting requirements. Those interested can register [here](#).

Assessing infusion therapy services

Last week, HHS' ASPR (Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response) office released a resource to help hospitals and providers increase their capacity to administer monoclonal antibody therapies. These therapies are designed for those with mild to moderate symptoms but are at risk for progressing to severe disease or hospitalization.

The calculator is designed to help facilities make an informed decision regarding offering the monoclonal infusion therapies by:

- estimating the operational capacity of the infusion site;
- reducing wait times and improve customer satisfaction;
- decreasing transmission risks; and
- making cost-effective decisions in response to patient demand.

Policy changes for respirators

Following the CDC's recommendation as well as OSHA's new emergency temporary standard, the FDA [revoked the EUA](#) beginning July 6 for all disposable respirators lacking National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) approval beginning July 6. In addition, beginning June 30, they are also not authorizing the use of decontamination systems to extend the use of the respirators. The FDA changed its position back from crisis capacity to its pre-pandemic stance based on an increase in domestic supply.

OSHA provisions in effect beginning today

On June 21, OSHA published an emergency temporary standard for occupational exposure to COVID-19 that requires health care employers to take certain steps to protect their workers in settings where suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients are treated. The ETS is effective immediately, and employers must comply with most provisions as of today, and with the physical barriers, ventilation and training requirements by July 21.

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