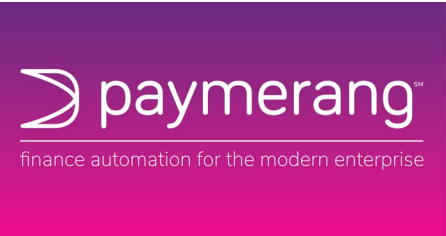


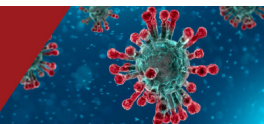
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Federal Update

Provider Relief Application Now Open

- Providers can apply now for the Phase 4 and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Rural PRF dollars.
- Providers should begin as soon as possible as they will need their Tax Identification Numbers (TINs) validated before they can complete the full application including financial information.
- These and other important resources related to registering for webinars on the application process and corresponding resources can be found in this [article](#).
- Provider webinar dates:
 - Tues, Oct 5, 2-3 PM – [register to attend](#)
 - Weds, Oct 13, 2-3 PM – [register to attend](#)
 - Thurs, Oct 21, 2-3 PM – [register to attend](#)
- As for the PRF reports due on Sept. 30, if needed, providers have a 60-day grace period (through Nov. 30) to submit the reports.

NHSN Monthly Reporting Plan Not Required

- LeadingAge National reports that the CDC has developed a work around plan to allow for reporting COVID-19 vaccine data to the NHSN site without completing a Monthly Reporting Plan.
- In March 2022, the monthly reporting requirement is anticipated to be required.
- A link to the NHSN reporting page and the slide deck from yesterday's NHSN webinar is [here](#).

Vaccine News

- CDC released [FAQs](#) on medical consent for Pfizer booster shots
- **CDC Recommendations for Booster Shots**
- People 65 years and older and residents in long-term care settings **should** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series,
- People aged 50–64 years with [underlying medical conditions](#) **should** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series,
- People aged 18–49 years with [underlying medical conditions](#) **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks, and
- People aged 18-64 years who are at increased risk for COVID-19 exposure and transmission because of occupational or institutional setting **may** receive a booster shot of Pfizer-BioNTech's COVID-19 vaccine at least 6 months after their Pfizer-BioNTech primary series, based on their individual benefits and risks.

LeadingAge Kansas Advocacy

1. Progress continues on potential ARPA employee premium pay proposal to submit to SPARK Committee
2. Continue to research, collect feedback and create partnerships concerning approaching legislative issues (Medicaid funding advocacy, staffing agency reform, CNA training needs, assisted living discharges and regulations)
3. PLEASE complete the survey for nursing home providers at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VG2VZHS>.
4. Still trying to work with KDADS, LCC, Governor on getting increased flexibility on various issues. The divisive political environment is impairing meaningful progress because so many of our requests appear to depend on a state of emergency declaration by the Governor, a non-starter with legislative opponents.

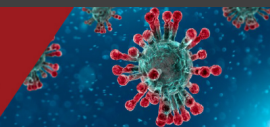
Value First PPE and Testing Update

McKesson, Value First's preferred distribution partner, supply chain update:

- The Abbott BinaxNow and the Quidel Quickvue rapid tests continue to be under allocation. Small allotments may become more available however we anticipate seeing supply chain challenges with all rapid tests through December.
- McKesson does have availability on the CareStart rapid antigen test if your community has that need. (Item #1197186) Your shipment will be backordered for two weeks however they are anticipating continued supply for now. Due to the very high demand, they are requesting limiting orders to 30 day supply.
- The BD Veritor test kit is no longer under allocation.
- McKesson does still have inventory on Gowns, Gloves as well as Honeywell N95 masks.
- Continue to be in close contact with your McKesson representative with the additional needs you might have. scott.fleet@mckesson.com
- You may also reach out to ann@leadingagekansas.org.



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October 18 – 22, 2021 Virtual Fall Conference

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Webinars for Your Accounts Payable Staff

The Path to Perfect Payment

November 4th | 1:00-2:00 PM

Presenter – Mike Doerr with Paymerang

Accounts Payable (AP) departments are busier than ever, and AP leaders are eager to improve operation efficiency. With fraud threats on the rise, it's imperative to have accurate, secure, and centralized data within your accounting system. In this webinar series, we will introduce you to our top curated best practices to help your AP department become more efficient, effective, and secure in 2021.

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Electronic Payments Save Time and Money and Allow AP to Focus on Mission Critical Tasks

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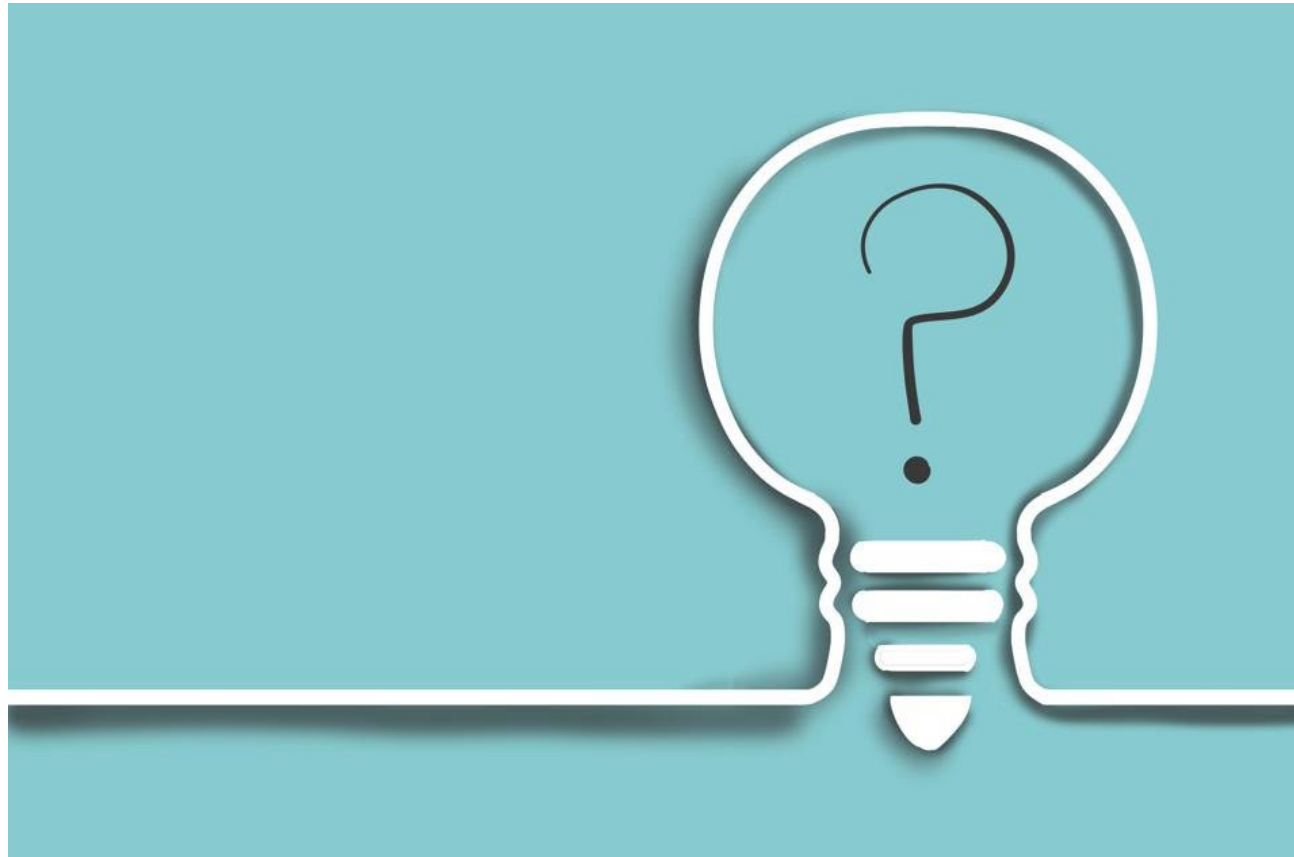
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Accounts payable staff are busier than ever, and AP leaders are eager to improve operational efficiency and effectiveness. Paying vendors electronically frees staff from the drudgery of manual check processing, allowing them to focus more of their time on higher-value activities such as data analysis and supplier management.

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