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Kansas



**LTC PROVIDER QUESTIONNAIRE ON COVID-19 SURGE CAPACITY**

DEADLINE FOR COMPLETION: BY 5 PM FRIDAY, APRIL 10TH

ALL THREE ASSOCIATIONS STRONGLY URGE YOUR ORGANIZATION (ONE PERSON PER ORGANIZATION) TO COMPLETE THIS LTC PROVIDERS' COVID-19 SURGE CAPACITY SURVEY SO THAT WE HAVE A PICTURE OF HOW PROVIDERS ACROSS KANSAS ARE PREPARING, AND SO WE CAN BRING INFORMATION TO THE STATEWIDE EMERGENCY RESPONSE CONVERSATION.

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# The CARES Act

SUMMARY AND  
DISCUSSION



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# ***Recent Actions on COVID-19***

- Congress provided **\$150 billion for the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund**. HHS is issuing the first round of funding, \$30 billion, starting today.
- Congress provided **\$100 million** to assist nursing homes with infection control and support states' efforts. CMS continues to update its **infection control guidance** to protect patients and health care workers.
- President Trump issued emergency declaration enabling HHS to issued blank and approved state **1135 Waivers** to help health care providers during COVID-19 outbreak.

# *Overview*

- Access to Capital and Public Health Response Funding
- Payment Improvements and Flexibilities
- Open Discussion

# ***\$100 Billion for Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund***

- Provides funding for hospitals and health care providers to support expenses and lost revenue directly related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Funds may not be used to reimburse expenses that have been reimbursed from other sources.
- Eligibility: non-profit, for-profit, and public health care providers.
- Timeline: First round, \$30 billion, is being awarded using Medicare 2019 FFS claims data.

# ***\$150 Billion for Coronavirus Relief Fund***

- Available to states and units of local government for expenses related to the outbreak. Kansas expected to receive \$1.25 billion. May be available to public hospitals via the local government applying for one or through state directed allocation.
- Eligibility: States, counties with populations over 500,000.
- Timeline: Must be issued within 30 days of enactment.

# ***\$350 Billion in Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program***

- New loan opportunity with limit of \$10 million to pay for salaries, benefits, rent, retirement obligations and more.
- Eligibility: Non-profit, for-profit health care providers with fewer than 500 employees (part time and full time).
- Timeline: Available now

# ***\$1 Billion for USDA Rural Business and Industry Loan Guarantee Program***

- Provides USDA with lending authority to help rural businesses seek financial relief including loans to maintain business operations, debt refinancing, purchasing equipment, and more.
- Eligibility: For-profit and non-profit health care providers, cooperatives, and public hospitals in communities with less than 50,000 people.
- Timeline: Established and open

Other funding opportunities at USDA for long term care facilities Include:

- Community Facilities Direct Loan and Grant Program
- Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program
- Rural Business Development Grants



# ***\$454 Billion for New Treasury Exchange Stabilization Fund***

- This is the Main Street Fund. Gives Treasury authority to establish a new program for loans, loan guarantees and other investments in support of the Federal Reserve's lending facilities that support organizations.
- Eligibility: Non-profit, for-profit health care providers with employees of 500 – 10,000.
- Timeline: Treasury estimates this will be open by mid-to-late April.

# ***\$250 Million for Hospital Preparedness Program***

- Improves capacity and response directly attributed to the outbreak, including building capacity for more beds, training, individual facility purchase of ventilators, and more.
- Eligibility: State to work with Kansas health care coalitions.
- Timeline: Within 60 days.

# ***Payment Improvements and Flexibilities***

- **Expands Accelerated and Advance Payment Program:** Expands existing Medicare accelerated payment program for Part A and Part B suppliers.
  - CMS announced this week it delivered \$51 billion in funding in the past week to over 20,000 providers.
- **Lift on Medicare Sequester:** Temporarily lifts the Medicare sequester, which reduces payments to providers by 2 percent, from May 1 through December 31, 2020.
- **Relaxes Care Rules:** Temporarily waives 3-hour rule for inpatient rehab facilities and gives HHS discretion to enforce certain payment rules (site neutrality and the 50% Rule) for discharges from long term care hospitals.

# ***Payment Improvements and Flexibilities (cont'd)***

- **Delays Medicaid DSH Cuts:** Eliminates \$4 billion in DSH cuts in FY2020. Reduces FY2021 DSH cuts from \$8 billion to \$4 billion.
- **State Access to Enhanced Medicaid FMAP:** Ensures that states are able to receive the Medicaid 6.2 percent FMAP increase.
- **Premium Maintain of Effort Requirement for Temporary Increase:** Delays the application of MOE requirement that restricted states from increasing premiums as a condition of receiving the temporary FMAP increase.



***Open Discussion***

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***Thank you***

# ***GOP Doctors Caucus in Action***

- Introduced **H.R. 6365, the Immediate Relief for Rural Facilities and Providers Act of 2020**, which would address the critical operational challenges facing rural hospitals and health care providers.
  - Provide immediate relief for rural hospitals in the Prospective Payment System in the form of one-time grants and increased payments under Medicare.
  - Provide immediate relief for health care providers in the form of a one-time grant and the bill would also provide low interest loans under the Small Business Administration.