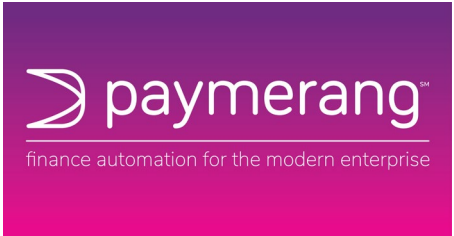


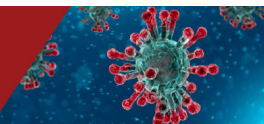
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Provider Relief Funds: Phase 4

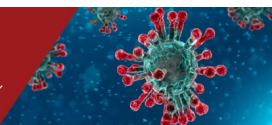
- Application portal opens September 29, 2021
- Based on lost revenues and coronavirus-related expenditures between July 1, 2020, and March 31, 2021.
- Bonus payments for smaller providers and providers who serve low-income patients

Rural Provider Relief Funds

- Payments to providers based on the amount of Medicaid, CHIP and Medicare services they provide to persons who live in rural areas as defined by the [HHS Federal Office of Rural Health Policy](#)
- Apply at the same time you submit PRF Phase 4 application

60 Day Grace Period Announced for September 30th PRF Reporting Deadline

- The deadlines to use funds and the Reporting Time Period will not change



Federal Update

- CDC will be [investing \\$2.1 billion to protect patients and health care workers](#) from COVID and future infectious diseases.
- \$500 million will go to nursing home strike teams to
 - Provide surge capacity for clinical care
 - Address staffing shortages
 - Strengthen infection prevention and control activities to prevent, detect, and contain outbreaks, including providing support for COVID-19 boosters
- Awaiting guidance from HHS to provide more details

Vaccine News

Booster Shots

- CDC's ACIP recommended Pfizer booster shots for long term care residents, people 65+, and younger people with compromised immune systems.
- Pfizer booster shot only available to people who originally received a Pfizer vaccine. Moderna booster shot still pending approval
- ACIP did not recommend a booster shot for health care workers
- The ACIP needs final approval from the CDC director before they can begin to be administered. The CDC director has endorsed booster shots for health care workers

NHSN Reporting

Webinar yesterday on new reporting requirements in NHSN and preparing to report booster shots. If you missed it, keep an eye on the [NHSN website](#) where they post recordings

Nursing Home Compare

Consumers can now compare nursing homes on staff vaccination rates

State Update

[KDADS revised guidance](#) issued for state-licensed buildings – match CMS requirements to follow CDC community transmission tracker to determine testing frequency for unvaccinated staff.

- Questions related to the nursing home testing requirement may be submitted to: DNH_TriageTeam@cms.hhs.gov
- Questions related to adult day care, boarding care home, assisted living facility, residential health care facility and home plus testing guidance may be submitted to: kdads.reopening@ks.gov

LeadingAge Kansas Advocacy Update

- We are scheduling a meeting in early October to meet with KDHE officials about the new funding for nursing home strike teams
- Continue to work with Governor's staff and KDADS leaders on restoring regulatory waivers and flexibility
- Bob Bethell KanCare Oversight Committee met all day Wednesday and Thursday. Special section devoted to long term care facilities can be viewed [here](#)
- Special thank you to everyone who gave testimony, and a special shout out to Holly Noble at Attica Long Term Care for doing such a great job telling her story as a rural provider

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 however small allotments may become more available in the coming weeks.
 - McKesson does have availability on the CareStart rapid antigen test if your community has that need. (Item #1197186) Your shipment may be backordered however they are anticipating continued supply for now.
 - Due to the very high demand, they are requesting limiting orders to 30 day supply.
 - 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. (816.305.7177) scott.fleet@mckesson.com
 - You may also reach out to ann@leadingagekansas.org.

Assessing Vacancy, Wage and Temporary Staffing Rates for Nursing Homes in Kansas

- Survey Link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VG2VZHS>
- Huge importance to complete this survey
- Two questions to clarify on:

4. Maximum number of full or part-time positions on your schedule **on September 20th**  


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5. Number of open positions on your schedule **on September 20th**  

RN	<input type="text"/>
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Aides	<input type="text"/>
Dietary	<input type="text"/>
Housekeeping/Laundry	<input type="text"/>

8. What was your average wage **on July 1, 2021**? Please round to the nearest dollar.  

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Dietary	<input type="text"/>
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9. What was your average wage **on September 20, 2021**? Please round to the nearest dollar.  

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Last Change to Register

Medicaid Case Mix Reimbursement for Kansas Nursing Homes

September 28th | 1:00-2:00 PM

Presenter – David Halferty with Myers and Stauffer

- Reconcile/confirm the nursing facility rate calculations on the case mix rate schedule using cost report data and information from resident listings
- Project future rates (Jan 1 rate adjustments) using 7/1 rate schedules and information from residents listings (for 7/1 and 10/1)
- Be prepared to provide informed feedback on proposed reimbursement methodology changes.

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Webinars for Your Accounts Payable Department

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

November 18th | 1:00-2:00 PM

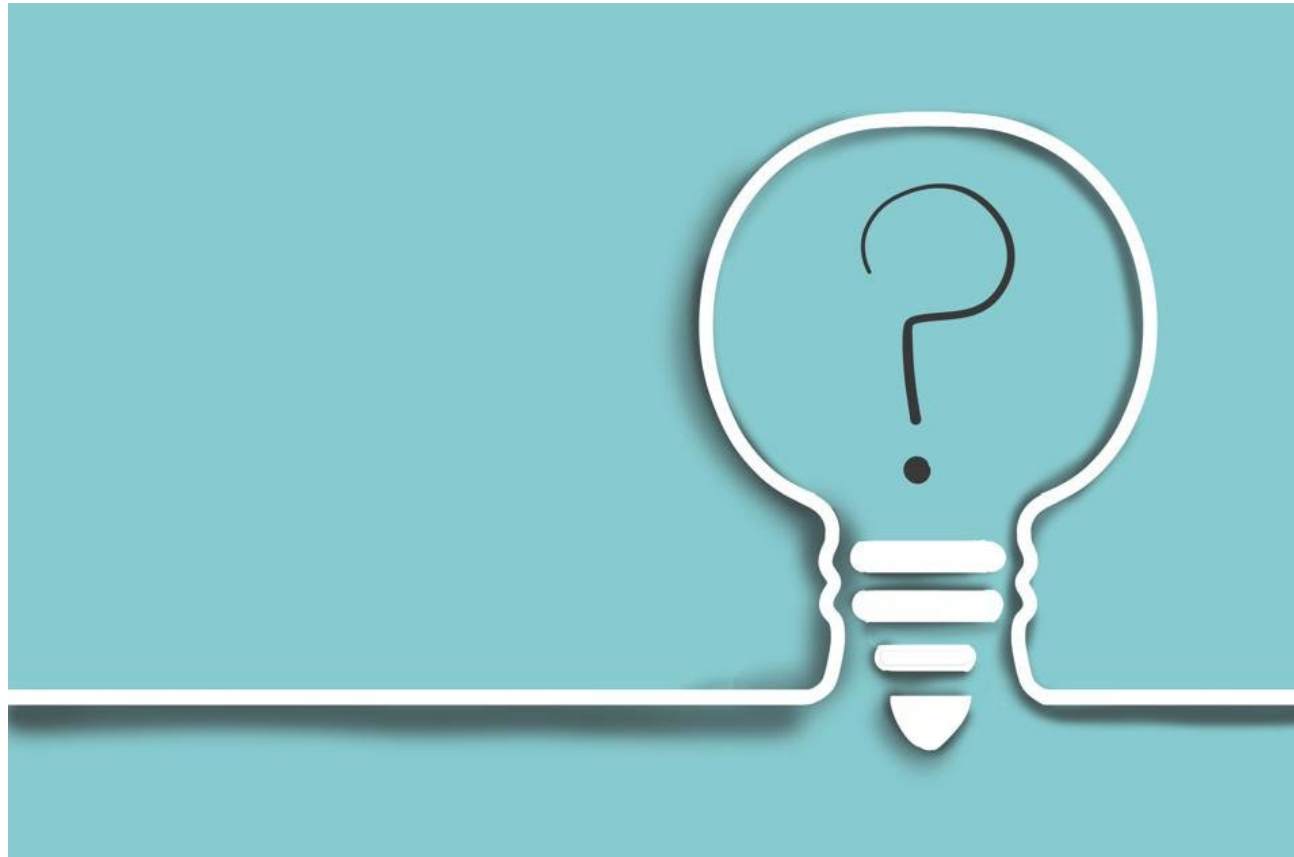
Presenter – Mike Doerr with Paymerang

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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