



ALERT FOR ALL PHYSICIANS!

THERE ARE STILL \$\$ AVAILABLE TO YOU FOR YOUR PRACTICES!

PLEASE READ!

There are still monies available to physician practices to help them through the pandemic. This short document recaps the status and availability of monies as well as what you must do if you wish to apply for these monies or receive credits, based on the program.

After you have read this update, please consider your options in concert with your financial advisors as soon as you can.

If you want to talk with someone on the PBCMS COVID-19 Task Force about the specific programs described here, please contact Jean Acevedo at 561-278-9328 or email jacevedo@acevedoconsulting.com for help with the CARES Act and please contact Paul Wieseneck at Phone 561-209-1102 or email pwieseneck@fuoco.com for help with all the other programs.

Thank You and Good Luck!

CARES Act – \$100B Provider Relief Fund

Please note that HHS plans to make publicly available the names of payment recipients and the amounts received, for all providers who attest to receipt of a payment and acceptance of the Terms and Condition at <https://data.cdc.gov/Administrative/HHS-Provider-Relief-Fund/kh8y-3es6>

Phase 1

- Administered by HHS
- \$50 billion of the Provider Relief Fund is allocated for general distribution to Medicare facilities and providers impacted by COVID-19, based on eligible providers' net patient revenue.
- Amount received was approximately 6.2% of the provider's 2019 Medicare payments.
- Individual provider's money was deposited in the employer's bank account. There was no application process and **distribution of these funds has been completed.**
- **Must sign an attestation confirming receipt of the funds and agree to the terms and conditions within 45 days if ACH payment or 60 days of check payment issuance at <https://covid19.linkhealth.com/#/step/1>**

Phase 2

ALERT: Providers must accept the HHS Terms and Conditions by June 3, 2020 and submit revenue information to be considered for an additional General Allocation payment.

- Administered by HHS
 - The remaining \$50 billion is allocated to providers in areas particularly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak, rural providers, and providers who serve low-income populations and uninsured Americans.
 - All providers who had automatically received funds prior to 5:00 pm, Friday, April 24th **must** provide HHS with an accounting of their annual revenues (all payers) by submitting tax forms or financial statements. These providers **must** also agree to the program Terms and Conditions if they wish to keep the funds.

 - The submission of tax forms / financial statements to the portal will also serve as an application for additional funding. All providers submitting their financial information will be considered for additional funding from the General Distribution.

 - Step 1: Confirm receipt of previous funds at the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Payment Attestation Portal (<https://covid19.linkhealth.com/#/step/1>), including agreeing to the Terms and Conditions (<https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/terms-conditions/index.html>)..

 - Submit your revenue information to the General Distribution Portal for consideration to receive additional general distribution funds (<https://covid19.linkhealth.com/docuSign/#/step/1>).

 - Questions? Check out HHS's FAQs: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/provider-relief-fund-general-distribution-faqs.pdf>
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There are still options available from the SBA for funding your practices. Here is a simple comparison of options from the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (EIDL) and the Paycheck Protection Program (PPPL) for your consideration.

<u>EIDL</u>	<u>PPPL</u>
Can I still apply:	
Yes- New funding is currently available	Yes
Who is the lender:	
SBA	Your Bank
Maximum Loan size:	

2 Million with an advance up to \$10,000

10 Million or 2.5 times your average payroll costs

Interest rate:

3.75% Business
2.75% Non-profits

Not to exceed 4%
Currently 1%

Term:

Up to 30 years

10 years

Payments:

Begin 1 year after funding
Interest accruing

6 months after funding
Interest accruing

What is the collateral:

SBA will place a UCC lien
on business assets

No

Personal Guarantee required:

Yes, for loan in excess of \$200,000
By owners owning more than 20%

No

Is there a loan forgiveness program:

No

Yes

Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (PHSSEF) – Now CLOSED

Medicare Accelerated and Advanced Payment Program – Now CLOSED to Medicare Part B Providers

You may also want to consider these options for your practices

Deferral of Social Security Taxes:

Any business can defer the **Employers contribution** of social security taxes of 6.2%

Period covered: March 27- December 31,2020

Must be accounted for before tax deposit is made, once deposit is made cannot elect

Repayment: ½ by 12/31/21; ½ by 12/31/22

Can be combined with tax credit for mandatory sick leave and Employee Retention

Credit

If in combination with PPPL loan, once loan forgiveness is applied for, no longer allowed.

Available to self-employed

Employee Retention Credit:

Available to any business that had a full or partial shutdown or decline in gross receipts

If you were an essential business may qualify by gross receipts

If multiple locations, can qualify if one location is shut down

Credit is 50% of wages up to \$10,000 per employee or maximum \$5,000

Wages paid during March 13-December 31, 2020

Business owners and Self-Employed can claim for employees only

If you received a PPPL loan- NO CREDIT

IRS has provided penalty abatement relief for any business that is late with tax deposits that is expecting a tax credit

Finally, there is one more program that was implemented just for the coronavirus outbreak. It is described as follows.

Families First Coronavirus Response Act

Qualifying Reasons for Leave:

Under the FFCRA, an employee qualifies for paid sick time if the employee is unable to work (or **unable to telework**) due to a need for leave because the employee:

- is subject to a Federal, State, or local quarantine or isolation order related to COVID-19;
- has been advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine related to COVID-19;
- is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and is seeking a medical diagnosis;
- is caring for an individual subject to an order described in (1) or self-quarantine as described in (2);
- is caring for a child whose school or place of care is closed (or childcare provider is unavailable) for reasons related to COVID-19; or
- is experiencing any other substantially similar condition specified by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, in consultation with the Secretaries of Labor and Treasury.

Mandatory sick leave pays up to 80 hours

Credit is up to 100% of pay maximum \$511 a day or \$5,110 credit per employee.

Care of a family member

2/3 of pay up to \$200 a day maximum credit \$2,000

Care of a child because daycare is unavailable

10 weeks up to a maximum of \$10,000

Self-employed:

Credit for employees on form 941

Credit for owner on 2020 form 1040

(Note from Rick – we will not include Fuoco Group’s link here in this document, but we will add it to an appropriate place in the Resource Center for easy access in the future. I just looked at it and am

extremely impressed with how much information is there. With this note, will be reminder with PBCMS staff to help us get it placed in the Resource Center.)

[Access Fuoco Group's Coronavirus Updates HERE](#)