

Update	Category	Brief Overview	Links/ Attachments
<b>Federal Funding Opportunity/Announcement</b>			
<p>HHS Distributes \$12 billion in “Hot Spot” and \$10 billion in Rural Provider Relief Fund Payments</p>	<p>Health Care</p>	<p>On May 1<sup>st</sup>, HHS announced that it processed/is processing the following Provider Relief Fund payments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$12 billion in “Hot Spot” payments to the 395 hospitals that provided inpatient care to 100 or more COVID-19 patients through April 10: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$10 billion based on a fixed amount per COVID-19 admission</li> <li>\$2 billion “taking into account their [those hospitals’] Medicare and Medicaid disproportionate share and uncompensated care payments”</li> </ul> </li> <li>\$10 billion to rural providers (hospitals, CAHs, RHCs and community health centers in rural areas)</li> </ul> <p>From the “Hot Spot” payments, hospitals in Washington received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$102,505,694 of the \$10 billion based on COVID-19 admissions; these funds went to 7 hospitals</li> <li>\$199,457,474 of the \$10 billion distribution for rural providers; these funds went to 151 providers</li> </ul>	<p><b>Press Release:</b>  <a href="#">HHS Begins Distribution of Payments to Hospitals with High COVID-19 Admissions, Rural Providers</a></p> <p><b>Allocations:</b>  <a href="#">COVID-19 High-Impact Allocation</a></p>

<p>CMS Provides Information on \$100 Million for Survey and Certification Efforts of Nursing Homes</p>	<p>Health Care</p>	<p>On April 30, CMS provided additional information on the \$100 million in CARES Act supplemental funding for survey and certification efforts of nursing homes, with a focus on areas where there is community spread of COVID-19. CMS indicated it intends to make \$81 million of the \$100 million available to states through 9/30/2023. This funding may be used by states to complete infection control survey for nursing homes by 7/2020, increase complaint surveys based on COVID-19 trend data reported by nursing homes to the CDC, perform “reopening” surveys of facilities with previous COVID-19 outbreaks using unique survey protocols to ensure the facilities have Infection Control systems if there is another phase of the outbreak, and purchase of PPE for surveyors.</p> <p>Additionally, CMS issued a notice that it is convening a Coronavirus Commission for Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes, administered by an independent CMS contractor and comprised of key stakeholders and experts. It is expected to convene in May and develop recommendations for quality/safety best practices, federal regulations, and agency strategies.</p>	<p><b>Guidance:</b> <a href="#">CARES Act Financial Guidance to State Survey Agencies</a></p> <p><a href="#">Coronavirus Commission for Safety and Quality in Nursing Homes</a></p> <p><b>Memo:</b> <a href="#">Nursing Home Five Star Quality Rating System updates, Nursing Home Staff Counts, and Frequently Asked Questions</a></p>
<p>HUD Announces \$685 Million in Funding to Public Housing Agencies (PHAs)</p>	<p>Social Services – Housing</p>	<p>On May 1, HUD announced allocations for \$685 million in funding to PHAs through the Public Housing Operating Fund, which can be used for a wide range of preparation, prevention and response actions, including purchasing personal protective equipment for PHA staff, childcare costs for residents and staff so they can continue to work, costs related to maintaining adequate social distancing, and expenses of caring for PHA staff and residents who have tested positive but do not require immediate hospitalization.</p> <p>Please see a break down <a href="#">here</a> for Housing Authorities in Washington, totaling \$8,773,294</p>	<p><b>Press Release:</b> <a href="#">HUD Allocates Second Wave of Relief Funds, Over Half a Billion Dollars to Help Protect Low-Income Americans - Allocations</a></p> <p><b>Guidance:</b> <a href="#">Implementation of Supplemental Guidance to the Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Fund Appropriations</a></p>
<p><b>Federal Administrative Actions (Regulations, Guidance, etc.)</b></p>			
<p>OIG Issues Revised FAQs on Administrative Enforcement Authorities</p>	<p>Health Care</p>	<p>On May 1, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) issued revised and additional FAQs regarding application of OIG's administrative enforcement authorities to arrangements directly connected to COVID-19. The FAQ also solicits inquiries from the health care community on this application, including the Federal anti-kickback statute and civil monetary penalty (CMP) provision</p>	<p><a href="#">FAQs–Application of OIG's Administrative Enforcement Authorities to Arrangements Directly Connected to the Coronavirus</a></p>

		prohibiting inducements to beneficiaries (Beneficiary Inducements CMP). Health care providers and personnel are encouraged to submit questions to <a href="mailto:OIGComplianceSuggestions@oig.hhs.gov">OIGComplianceSuggestions@oig.hhs.gov</a> .	<a href="#">Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency</a>
CMS Extends Deadline to Submit Hardship Forms for 2019 Payment Year	Health Care	On May 1, CMS extended the deadline for eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals (CAHs) to submit hardship forms for the 2019 payment adjustment year. For eligible hospitals, the deadline has been extended from the original date of 7/1/2020 to 9/1/2020. For CAHs, the deadline was extended to 11/30/2020.	<a href="#">Scoring, Payment Adjustment, and Hardship Information</a> - <a href="#">Application Portal</a>
CMS Issues RFI on Ways to Coordinate Care from Out-of-State Providers	Health Care	On May 1, CMS issued a notice re-opening a 1/21/2020 request for information (RFI) on identifying ways to best coordinate care from out-of-state providers for Medicaid-eligible children with medically complex conditions (the original comment period closed on 3/23/2020). Given the relevance of this initiative for coordinating care virtually during the COVID-19 public health emergency, CMS is re-opening the RFI comment period. The notice is scheduled to be published on 5/4/2020 and the new comment period will close 30 days from publication, on 6/3/2020.	<a href="#">Coordinating Care From Out-of-State Providers for Medicaid-Eligible Children With Medically Complex Conditions; Reopening of Comment Period</a>
FEMA issues guidance for tribal governments on available public assistance	Tribal Governments	On May 1, FEMA issued guidance for tribal governments on the public assistance that is available from FEMA for tribal nations impacted by COVID-19. Additional information is provided pertaining to emergency declarations, soliciting FEMA's support for emergency countermeasures, and cost-sharing requirements.	<a href="#">Coronavirus Pandemic: FEMA Assistance for Tribal Governments</a>
DoL Releases Guidance to State Workforce Agencies on Federal Funding for First Week of Unemployment Compensation	Labor/ Employment	2105 of the CARES Act allows states to enter into an agreement with DoL to provide full reimbursement of regular Unemployment Compensation (UC) paid to individuals by the state for their first week of unemployment. On April 30, the DoL released guidance explaining the steps that states need to take to enter into such an agreement with the DoL, as well as related program requirements (e.g., reporting requirements).  To participate, states must submit the application for implementation, along with the required forms, by 5/29/2020. Instructions for submitting the applications are available in Attachments III and IV.	<a href="#">Unemployment Insurance Program Letter No. 20-20</a> - <a href="#">Attachment I: Statutory Language of Section 2105 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020</a> - <a href="#">Attachment II: General Provisions for Administering Temporary Full Federal Funding of the First Week of Compensable Regular</a>

			<a href="#">Unemployment</a> - <a href="#">Attachment III: Supplemental Budget Request (SBR) Application</a> - <a href="#">Attachment IV: Instructions for Completing the SF-424 and SF-424A</a>
Federal Reserve Issues FAQ on Main Street Lending Program	General	<p>On April 30, the Federal Reserve issued FAQs on the Main Street Lending Program, which comprises several loan facilities to provide credit to small and medium-sized businesses authorized via the CARES Act. In the FAQ, the Federal Reserve announced it will infuse \$75 billion in an equity investment to support the program. The FAQs outline the loan terms and covenants across the available loans offered through the program. Eligible borrowers must apply for Main Street loans from federally-insured depository institutions. The Federal Reserve's Special Purpose Vehicle will purchase 95% of participations in Eligible Loans from Eligible Lenders, and Eligible Lenders will retain 5%. The combined size of the facility and loan participations will be up to \$600 billion. The Main Street Special Purpose Vehicle will cease purchasing loan participations on September 30, 2020, unless the Program is extended by the Board and the Treasury Department.</p>	<p><b>Press Release:</b> <a href="#">Federal Reserve Board announces it is expanding the scope and eligibility for the Main Street Lending Program</a></p> - <a href="#">FAQ: Main Street Lending Program</a>
FEMA Issues Guidance on Sustaining PPE	General	<p>On April 30, FEMA issued a fact sheet summarizing best practices for national implementation to sustain personal protective equipment (PPE) while ensuring the protection of workers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic response. FEMA recommended reduction and reuse of PPE as key strategies and further recommended decontamination devices authorized by the FDA as available solutions for the decontamination and reuse of N95 respirators.</p>	<p><b>Fact Sheet:</b> <a href="#">Fact Sheet - PPE Preservation Best Practices</a></p> <p><b>Fact Sheet:</b> <a href="#">Using the Critical Care Decontamination System (TM)</a></p>
White House Issues Guidelines on Easing Stay-at Home Restrictions	General	<p>On April 30, the Executive Office of the White House issued guidelines for easing stay-at home restrictions for states and employers. State responsibilities included development and implementation of testing and contract tracing; health care system capacity support; and planning with various industries and public leaders. Phase one recommendations include certain social distancing recommendations, phased return-to-work protocols, and resumption of elective surgeries on an outpatient basis at facilities compliant with CMS guidelines.</p>	<p><b>Guidelines:</b> <a href="#">Opening Up America Again</a></p> - <a href="#">Guidance: Planning Considerations for Organizations in Reconstituting Operations During the COVID-19 Pandemic</a>

