April 2, 2020

The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

CMS releases blanket waiver fact sheet for hospitals and other entities
CMS released a fact sheet specifically for hospitals concerning the blanket waivers issued March 30th. Fact sheets for other entities, can be found here.

FEMA offers federal procurement training sessions April 2 and 9
FEMA’s Procurement Disaster Assistance Team is offering a webinar training program titled COVID-19 Guidance: Procurements Under Grants During Periods of Emergency or Exigency. This one-hour training will help participants understand how to properly contract during emergency or exigent circumstances when using federal funds.

Topics include:
- Sole sourcing under emergency or exigency.
- Additional procurement under grant requirements under emergency or exigency.
- Use of preexisting contracts during emergency or exigency.

FEMA Region 7 (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska) training
10:30 am (CDT), April 2
Dial-in number: 888-270-9936
Access code: 101-7496

10:30 am (CDT), April 9
Dial-in number: 888-270-9936
Access code: 101-7496

This online training is through Adobe Connect. If you have never used this platform, test your connection in advance here.

There are only 500 slots allotted for each session. If you have questions, contact Christine Burkett at 515-725-9398 or christine.burkett@iowa.gov, or Tammy Grittmann at 515-725-9302 or tammy.grittmann@iowa.gov.

IHA develops CARES Act funding tracker
IHA has created a document to track the different provisions of the CARES Act. The CARES Act Financial Provisions Tracking Tool is available on IHA’s COVID-19 resource webpage, and it will be updated as federal agencies release more information.

CEO update call
IHA’s COVID-19 response team hosted the weekly update call today for Iowa hospital CEOs and other leaders. Discussion
topics included:

- CARES Act funding opportunities.
- Emergency Operations Committee.
- Evaluation of state funding opportunities.
- IHA’s CARES Act funding provisions tracking tool.
- IHA’s financial indicator survey.
- Recent proclamations from the governor.
- State and federal waivers and guidance.

Please contact Pam Gridley at IHA if you are interested in receiving an audio recording of today’s call. The next hospital CEO call is scheduled 1 pm Wednesday, April 8. Click here to register.

**IME offers Q&A on their website**

The Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) is providing Q&A updates on their website. The IME continues to work with the managed-care organizations to ensure synchronized billing policies. You may send additional questions to IMECOVID19@dhs.state.ia.us.

IME also will post the following guidance about home health and hospice services on their website:

- During the public health emergency, telemedicine services will be covered when the originating site is the member’s home. Distant sites may include both traditional and home-based locations.
- Home care bills Medicaid on UB-04 using a revenue code or the appropriate HCPCS code that denotes the service discipline visit (e.g., skilled nursing care, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, medical social worker, home health aide). Payment for home care is based on LUPA and private-duty nursing is based on an hourly fee. The current billing process remains in effect. Visits may be performed by telehealth and the traditional revenue code or a HCPCS code should be used with a modifier 95 as appropriate.
- Hospice bills Medicaid on UB-04 using a revenue code that denotes the level of service (e.g., general inpatient, routine, respite, continuous care). The rate is an all-inclusive daily rate that would encompass services that may be provided by telehealth. The current billing process remains in effect; no changes are warranted. For calculation of service-intensity add-on payments, visits may be performed by telehealth and the traditional code should be used with a modifier 95 as appropriate.

**IHA COVID-19 resource webpage**

Visit IHA’s [coronavirus resource page](#) for current information about COVID-19.

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