The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

IHA provides guidance on resuming nonessential elective surgeries and procedures
Gov. Kim Reynolds issued a proclamation on April 24 that included provisions on nonessential or elective surgeries and procedures. IHA has evaluated the proclamation and is providing a list of considerations to guide Iowa hospitals in their resumption of care in operating rooms and procedural areas. Email Jen Nutt at IHA with any questions.

Further clarification given on the Paycheck Protection Program
After a call with staff from Sen. Chuck Grassley's office today, IHA can provide clarification about the Small Business Administration's Paycheck Protection Program from the interim final rule released last Friday. The updates are:

- All public hospitals that meet the staffing and affiliation rule requirements can participate in the program regardless of nonprofit status.
- The definition the administration is using in the interim final rule is detailed here starting on page 8.
- The ability to receive these funds as a grant and not a loan is not related to the hospital's 501(c)(3) status. If a hospital uses the funds on approved expenditures in the program (e.g., payroll and rent), they should be eligible to have the loan forgiven. If hospitals are having trouble with this, they should work with their lenders to demonstrate the funds are being used for approved expenses.
- The administration has provided two resources for small businesses: guidance for calculating a loan amount and additional criteria for seasonal employees.
- The administration is unlikely to release any further formal guidance on the program, but hospitals can refer to this FAQ for more information.

Questions about the Paycheck Protection Program can be directed to your local lender or to Susan Horras or Erin Cubit at IHA.

CMS reevaluates Accelerated Payment Program and suspends Advance Payment Program
CMS announced yesterday that it is reevaluating the amounts to be paid under its Accelerated Payment Program and suspending its Advance Payment Program to Part B suppliers effective immediately. Funding will continue to be available to hospitals and other health care providers primarily from the Provider Relief Fund. The Accelerated and Advance Payment Programs are typically used to give providers emergency funding and address cash-flow issues for providers and suppliers when there is disruption in claims submission or claims processing, including during a public health emergency or presidentially declared disaster.

Click here for an updated fact sheet on the Accelerated and Advance Payment Programs.

SBA funding options webinar FAQ and recording available
An FAQ and recording (password: dFmCJ2XT) from the April 23 webinar titled SBA Funding Options Under the CARES Act for Health Care Providers is available. The webinar addressed eligibility criteria, including SBA affiliation rules applicable to SBA assistance, requirements imposed on receipt of funds under these programs and the consequences of providing false, misleading or fraudulent information in an application.

Free webinar opportunities

- **9-10:30 am Tuesday, April 28, Latest Stark Law Updates, Including Recent CMS Waivers.** This webinar will cover the Physician Self-Referral Law (the Stark Law), including the latest developments, as well as discuss the status of proposed regulatory reforms and the recent CMS waivers associated with COVID-19. Register [here](#).

- **9-10 am Wednesday, April 29, COVID-19 and Hospital Case Management: What You Need to Know.** This webinar provides an up-to-date summary of the COVID-19 crisis, the waivers related to hospital case management departments and examples of how other departments are adjusting their operations. It also will discuss the transition of COVID-19 patients throughout the health care continuum as they are discharged from the hospital. Register [here](#).

- **Noon-1 pm Wednesday, April 29, Inspiration Speakers Series: Kevin Kush.** Kush has been involved in coaching and teaching for more than 30 years. He spent 21 of those years working with at-risk youth at Boys Town in Omaha, Nebraska. As a head football coach, he compiled a remarkable record of 164 wins and just 58 losses with 13 of those teams finishing in the top 10. Kush was featured on ABC World News Tonight as their Person of the Week. Register [here](#).

- **1-2:30 pm Thursday, April 30, Urgent Legal Issues and Opportunities for Iowa Hospitals under Recent COVID-19 Legislation.** Hospitals are struggling with a variety of urgent legal issues as they make difficult decisions because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This presentation will address key aspects of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act; the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES Act); and the most-recent information available on the evolving issues Iowa hospitals, as employers, must address in the face of this pandemic. Register [here](#).

- **10-11 am Friday, May 1, The Impact of COVID-19 on Workers’ Compensation.** This worldwide pandemic has affected each of us in many ways. Your employees may have concerns about exposure-related illness and absence from work. We will talk about the impact of COVID-19 on workers’ compensation, including what hospitals can do to support employees during this uncertain time. Register [here](#).

- **Noon-1 pm Wednesday, May 6, Inspiration Speakers Series: AmyK, Leading and Communicating in Turbulent Times.** A former executive of a billion-dollar global consumer products company and awarded the Vistage UK, International Speaker of the Year, AmyK is a catalyst for producing sustainable solutions to a leader's most-pressing challenges. More than 50,000 executives in more than 10 countries have benefited from her keen insight and intuitive understanding of the issues leaders face. Register [here](#).