

IHA COVID Resources and Advocacy

April 8, 2020

The latest about COVID-19 from IHA

April 8 CEO update call features state public health medical director

State Public Health Medical Director and Epidemiologist Caitlin Pedati, M.D., will provide an update and answer questions on IHA's weekly IHA COVID-19 call tomorrow at 1 pm. IHA staff will also provide updates. With high participation, you're urged to dial in early. Click [here](#) to register.

IDPH provides information about SHIP grant program

Today, the IDPH released information to hospitals about participating in a funding opportunity through the Small Rural Hospital Improvement (SHIP) Grant Program. There is no application process to receive this funding. Hospitals that already have an existing six-year emergency response contract with IDPH should follow the directions listed below to amend their contracts.

To prepare to receive these funds:

- Ensure your hospital can access this contract at IowaGrants.gov. To do this, click "Returning Users Sign In Here" to sign in. When signed in, click "My Grants," and the contract title should appear. If you do not or are unsure if you have an Iowa Grants account, please read these [instructions](#).
- Begin thinking about how you would like the funds to be divided among a line item budget. Please input line item budget amounts in the attached spreadsheet and send it to [Cassie Kennedy](#) at IDPH. Please note that the total should equal \$90,000 (the anticipated award amount). If this amount changes, IDPH will prorate the categories based on the information provided in the spreadsheet. Please note that you can adjust these amounts after the amendment is executed.

Questions about this funding can be directed to [Cassie Kennedy](#) at IDPH.

New form released for COVID-19 Part A accelerated payment requests

A new form is available for providers to request accelerated payments due to COVID-19. **Please note: This form is different than the form made available March 31.** Providers requesting accelerated payments because of the COVID-19 crisis should complete the [WPS GHA Accelerated and Advance Payment Request](#) form and send them to AccAdvPyntReq@wpsic.com.

Eligible payment amounts differ by the type of provider. Inpatient acute hospitals can request up to 100% of Medicare payment amounts for a six-month period (July 1-Dec. 31, 2019). Critical access hospitals can request up to 125% of their payment amount for a six-month period (July 1-Dec. 31, 2019). All other provider types can request up to 100% of the Medicare payment amount for a three-month period (Oct. 1-Dec. 31, 2019).

Cost report due date extended

IME's Provider Cost Audit Unit is extending the due date of cost reports following CMS guidance. Below is a list of cost report

fiscal year ends, the original cost report due date and the extended cost report due date. This is a blanket extension; providers do not need to submit written requests. If cost reports are completed sooner, they can be submitted before the extended due dates.

Fiscal year end Original due date Extended due date

Oct. 31, 2019 March 31, 2020 June 30, 2020

Nov. 30, 2019 April 30, 2020 June 30, 2020

Dec. 31, 2019 May 31, 2020 July 31, 2020

Department of Labor provides more guidance on Families First Act implementation

The U.S. Department of Labor released more guidance April 6 for workers and employers to take advantage of the protections and relief offered by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act that took effect April 1.

The guidance includes a comprehensive webinar explaining employer and worker eligibility along with benefits and protections the law. The Wage and Hour Division (WHD) has added additional materials to its [website](#) including: workplace posters in multiple languages; fact sheets for employees and employers; posting requirements; and a field-assistance bulletin describing the division's 30-day non-enforcement policy.

The Families First Act gives businesses with fewer than 500 employees tax credits to provide employees with paid leave, either for the employee's health needs or to care for family members. Additional information regarding COVID-19 and its effects on wages and hours worked under the Fair Labor Standards Act and on job-protected leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act are at <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic>. For more information about the laws enforced by WHD, call 866-4US-WAGE, or visit www.dol.gov/agencies/whd.

Complimentary COVID-19 educational webinars

Governance in the Time of Coronavirus: What Governing Boards Should Do Now to Deal with the Pandemic

4 pm Wednesday, April 8

Learn what boards should do to help their leadership teams, hospitals and themselves prepare for the immediate future of the pandemic. This program outlines unique issues and actions that boards should think about now to ensure they stay ahead of unprecedented situations and challenges that are just around the corner.

Presenter: Jamie Orlikoff, President, Orlikoff & Associates, Chicago

Register [here](#).

Update for Rural Partners, Stakeholders and Communities on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Response

3 pm Wednesday, April 8

Presenter: Jay Butler, MD, Deputy Director for Infectious Diseases, CDC

Opening remarks: Eric Hargan, Deputy Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services

To submit questions in advance, email [Dr. Butler](#) with "Rural Health Update 4/8" in the subject line. A recording of this event will be available on CDC's website within a week at: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/index.html.

Health Care Heroes: Best Practices for Surviving Stress and Growing Through Trauma

11 am Thursday, April 9

Presenters: Wayne Sotile, PhD, and Gary Simonds, MD, coauthors of "Thriving in Health Care"

Drs. Sotile and Simonds will share practical tips and answer questions. Their goal is to provide helpful tools and tactics to put into practice immediately, including:

- Finding new ways to practice kindness and nurture professional and personal relationships.
- Identifying the connection between meaningful work and resilience.
- Integrating moments of self-compassion and self-care into the workday.

Participants are urged to [submit questions](#) in advance regarding coping with extreme stress or helping coworkers better cope.

Register [here](#).

Preparing for FEMA Disaster Declaration Reimbursement

10-11 am Wednesday, April 8

Accessing the \$2 Trillion Recovery Fund for COVID-19

1-2 pm Thursday, April 9

IHA is partnering with Mississippi and other state hospital associations for these two webinars highlighting what members need to do to receive Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursements. The webinars will review what hospital leaders should do as they plan for potential reimbursements from FEMA for COVID-19. Key deadlines, documentation and what costs may be reimbursable will be provided.

Email [Michelle Ketelsen](#) at IHA with any questions.

IHA COVID-19 resource webpage

For current information about COVID-19, visit IHA's [resource page](#).

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