



LHA COVID-19 ALERT



LHA COVID-19 C-Suite Alert: HHS Requests Data by June 15 to Inform Distribution of \$10B in CARES Act Funds

Yesterday, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced in an email that it is planning an additional \$10 billion distribution of funds to hospitals that have been particularly affected by the increased burden of caring for those with COVID-19. **To inform how these funds are distributed, HHS is asking all hospitals to provide it with certain information.** This includes, for each facility with a Medicare Tax Identification Number (TIN), its total number of COVID-19 positive inpatient admissions from Jan. 1, 2020 through June 10, 2020. **Hospitals must submit these data in order to be eligible for these payments, although doing so is not a guarantee of eligibility for any amount. We encourage all hospitals to submit these data.**

BACKGROUND: HHS issued a [press release](#) today with more details on the distribution of the \$10 billion from the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund, as well as on other funding distributions, and the AHA published a [Special Bulletin](#) on this issue. In addition, HHS has posted [an FAQs document](#) (beginning on page 26) that answers a number of questions about the funding, including how it differs from the initial distribution, whether hospitals can apply for funding if an application was submitted for the first round of funding, whether emergency department admissions count as a positive inpatient admission, and many others.

DEADLINE: **Submissions must be made to HHS by 8 p.m. CT on Monday, June 15 through the TeleTracking portal.** HHS notes that hospital systems with more than one facility under a common TIN must report the number of admissions occurring within each facility, which can be accomplished by either entering the data for each facility manually or by using the comma separated values (CSV) document upload available on the TeleTracking platform. Additional information about setting up a TeleTracking account and entering data are available on TeleTracking's help [website](#).

CONTACTS: If you have questions about the registration process, contact TeleTracking Technical Support at 877-570-6903. If you have questions about the funding distribution, contact the Provider Support Line at 866-569-3522.

Note: This Alert is being distributed on June 9, 2020 to **hospital C-Suite personnel** in the LHA database.

This and other local, state and national hospital-specific resources and guidance from trusted sources can be found on the LHA's COVID-19 [webpage](#).