



LHA COVID-19 ALERT



LHA COVID-19 CEO/CFO Alert: April 22, 2020

Time-Sensitive Deadline: Information Due to HHS by April 23 for CARES Act Funds Distribution

Yesterday, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that it will soon make targeted distributions from the CARES Act funds to hospitals and other facilities 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 with a Medicare Tax Identification Number (TIN) to provide the following information:

- 1) total number of intensive care unit beds (as of April 10, 2020);
- 2) total number of admissions with a COVID-19 diagnosis (from Jan. 1, 2020 to April 10, 2020); and
- 3) National Provider Identifier.

According to an American Hospital Association (AHA) [Special Bulletin](#), it is the AHA's understanding that these figures will be used to distribute funds to "hot spot" areas. **Hospitals must submit these data in order to receive such payments, although doing so is not a guarantee of eligibility for any amount. Hospitals are strongly encouraged to submit this information.** The [accompanying communication](#) states that HHS is requiring this information be provided through an authentication portal established by its vendor TeleTracking. Hospitals will be able to submit data in several ways: at an individual hospital level, multiple hospitals at one time, or a batch upload of data for multiple hospitals via a designated individual or third-party entity.

HHS notes that hospital "site administrators" received an email from HHS on Sunday, April 12, or thereafter, with instructions and a link to register on this portal. The email would have likely been related to the [HHS guidance on federal capacity and utilization reporting](#) (p3). If it is not clear who received this notification or if there are questions about the registration process, HHS says hospitals should contact TeleTracking Technical Support at 877-570-6903. **Submissions must be made by 11:59 PST on Thursday, April 23.** In addition, the agency estimates that the data entry process should not require more than 10 minutes.

We are continuing to monitor developments and will provide updates as information becomes available. If you have any questions or need additional information, contact LHA VP of Reimbursement Kevin Bridwell at kbridwell@lhaonline.org.

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](#).

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