LHA COVID-19 C-Suite Alert: Application Process Opens Today for LDR’s Frontline Workers COVID-19 Hazard Pay Rebate Program

The Louisiana Department of Revenue (LDR) today launched the Frontline Workers COVID-19 Hazard Pay Rebate Program, allowing eligible Louisianians to apply for $250 rebates related to essential work performed during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Act 12 of the 2020 First Extraordinary Session of the Louisiana Legislature provides for a one-time rebate for eligible workers earning $50,000 per year or less, who spent at least 200 hours responding to or mitigating the COVID-19 crisis from March 22, 2020, through May 14, 2020.

LDR will accept applications online or on a downloadable printed form from July 15 through Oct. 31 from workers employed in essential critical infrastructure jobs, including:

- Nurses, assistants, aides, medical residents, pharmacy staff, phlebotomists, respiratory therapists, and workers providing direct patient care in inpatient and outpatient dialysis facilities;
- Housekeeping, laundry services, food services, and waste management personnel in hospitals and healthcare facilities;
- Long-term care facility personnel, outpatient care workers, home care workers, personal assistance providers, home health providers, and childcare service providers;
- Emergency medical services personnel, fire and rescue personnel, law enforcement personnel, and public health epidemiologists; and
- Others: View the full list of eligible workers.

The rebate program has limited funding; therefore, eligible workers are encouraged to apply as soon as possible using the online application portal at FrontlineWorkers.la.gov beginning today. NOTE: LDR announced this morning that the online application process is being affected by a connectivity issue on the state computer network, so the application process is temporarily unavailable. However, please share this information with your staff, so they can apply as soon as the website issue is resolved.

On Monday, LDR issued Emergency Rule LAC 61.I.1919 and Revenue Information Bulletin 20-020 to provide guidance and additional information on the rebate program. If you have additional questions, contact LHA Vice President of Member Services & Quality Improvement Ken Alexander at 225-928-0026 or kalexander@lhaonline.org.

Note: This Alert is being distributed on July 15, 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.