



COVID-19 LEGISLATIVE RESPONSE: KEY PROVISIONS

Updated: 4/13/20

PROVISION	LEGISLATION	DETAILS	STATUS	RESOURCES
EMERGENCY TELEHEALTH PROGRAM	P.L. 116-136 Div. B	<p>FCC COVID-19 Telehealth Program \$200 million</p> <p>Reimbursement to health care providers for the costs of telehealth equipment and services. Funding will be awarded, up to \$1 million per applicant, on a rolling basis until exhausted or until the pandemic has ended.</p>	The FCC began accepting applications on April 13, 2020	<p>FCC Telehealth Application Portal April 13, 2020</p> <p>FCC Telehealth Webinar April 13 April 13, 2020</p> <p>FCC Telehealth Application Guidance April 10, 2020</p> <p>FCC Telehealth Program Guidance April 9, 2020</p>
REIMBURSEMENT OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDER EXPENSES	P.L. 116-136 Div. B	<p>HHS Provider Relief Fund Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund \$100 billion</p> <p>Grants or "other mechanisms" to reimburse providers for expenses or lost revenue attributable to coronavirus.</p>	\$30 billion released on April 9, 2020	<p>Provider Relief Fund State-by-State Disbursement April 10, 2020</p> <p>CMS Announces Release of \$30 billion for Provider Relief Fund April 9, 2020</p> <p>AHA Letter to CMS Urging Direct Payment of Emergency Funds March 31, 2020</p>
GRANTS FOR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS	P.L. 116-123 Title III	<p>HRSA Health Center Program \$100 million</p> <p>Grants for community health centers for COVID-19 related services through Sep. 30, 2024.</p>	All funding has been awarded.	<p>COVID-19 Federal Resources for Community Health Centers April 9, 2020</p> <p>COVID-19 Health Center Funding FAQ April 8, 2020</p> <p>HRSA Awards \$100 Million to Health Centers March 24, 2020</p> <p>List of Health Center Awards March 24, 2020</p>

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SUPPLEMENTAL GRANTS FOR HEALTH CENTERS	P.L. 116-136, Sec. 3211	<p>HRSA Health Center Program \$1.32 billion</p> <p>Supplemental grants for community health centers for COVID-19 related services</p>	All funding has been awarded.	<p>COVID-19 Federal Resources for Community Health Centers April 9, 2020</p> <p>HRSA Awards \$1.3 Billion to Health Centers April 8, 2020</p> <p>List of Health Care Center Awards April 8, 2020</p> <p>COVID-19 Health Center Funding FAQ April 8, 2020</p>
HOSPITAL PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM GRANTS	P.L. 116-136, Div. B	<p>ASPR Hospital Preparedness Program \$250 million</p> <p>Grants or cooperative agreements for current grantees or sub-grantees.</p>	Partial funding has been awarded.	<p>ASPR Announces \$50 Million for the Hospital Preparedness Program March 24, 2020</p> <p>Hospital Preparedness Program Request for Applications March 24, 2020</p>
CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINIC GRANTS	P.L. 116-136 Div. B	<p>SAMHSA CCBHC \$250 million</p> <p>Grants for CCBHCs to provide community mental and substance use disorder treatment.</p>	SAMHSA has not yet released information.	
FEMA DISASTER RELIEF FUND	P.L. 116-136 Div. B	<p>HOMELAND SECURITY FEMA \$45 billion</p> <p>Public assistance grants and direct reimbursement for response and recovery activities, including emergency protective measures.</p>		<p>FEMA Assistance Request Form</p> <p>Fact Sheet: FEMA Emergency Procurement</p> <p>Fact Sheet: FEMA Nonprofit Organizations</p> <p>FEMA: Apply for Public Assistance</p> <p>FEMA: Overview of Public Assistance Application</p> <p>FEMA: Applying for Assistance – How to Videos</p> <p>FEMA: Grants Portal Webinars</p> <p>FEMA: Public Assistance Program Guidance</p> <p>FEMA: Emergency Protective Measures</p>

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MEDICARE
INPATIENT ADD-
ON PAYMENT
FOR COVID-19
PATIENTS

P.L. 116-136,
Section 3710

**CMS
Medicare**

Increases payment for hospital inpatient care for treating a patient admitted with COVID-19 by 20 percent.

CMS implemented the increase on April 1, 2020

[CMS Issues New COVID-19 Diagnosis Codes](#)
April 1, 2020

HOSPITAL
MEDICARE
ADVANCE
PAYMENTS

P.L. 116-136,
Section 3719

**CMS
Medicare**

Allows Medicare Part A & B providers to request up to a six-month advance lump sum or periodic payment; hospitals would not be required to start paying down the loan for four months.

CMS currently accepting requests made by providers through MACs.

[AHA Asks HHS to Waive or Reduce Interest on Medicare Advance Payments](#)
April 10, 2020

[CMS Fact Sheet](#)
March 28, 2020

[List of MACs \(Request forms vary by contractor\)](#)