



# HEART BEAT

*The monthly newsletter from The OSCA*

## SPECIAL EDITION

### COVID-19 UPDATE - 4/24/2020

*In continuing our efforts to answer your questions and help you support your business during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the OSCA will be updating you with a special edition HeartBeat Newsletter.*

### Are You Ready for the Next Round of PPP?

If you did not receive Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funding in the first round, Congress yesterday approved an additional \$310 billion for the program. President Trump is expected to sign this bill shortly. If you have not already applied for round two, you should do so immediately, as this funding is expected to be depleted faster than it was in the first round. Remember that self-employed workers, sole proprietors, and freelance or gig economy workers *are* eligible for the PPP. If you are interested in applying for these funds, we recommend you begin the application process now by contacting the financial institution of your choice.

The Department of Treasury put together this information sheet for the previous round of PPP funds. We anticipate that the application process will be similar to the last time. [Click here to review.](#)

### Step-by-Step HHS Attestation

The OSCA has received numerous questions regarding the Medicare HHS Payment that many offices received this past week. We had an FAQ on this process in yesterday's HeartBeat newsletter however, when attempting to use the portal, some providers have shared some problems they encountered.

Here is a step by step walk through:

- The first question will ask you if you
  - Are you a billing entity that received Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) payments from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in 2019?
  - You must answer yes or no.
  
- **For a NON PAR provider**, who does not accept assignment, your payment does not come directly from CMS. All information that we have received confirms that you must answer no to this question, and therefore would not be eligible to keep the funds.

- **For providers that answer yes**, it will take you to a second screen where you must enter the Billing Tax ID number.
- The next screen will require you to enter the last 6 digits of the account number that received an electronic deposit OR the check number, if you received a paper check (remember to include the zeros from the bottom of the check), and the amount of the payment received.
- The next screen will bring up a summary of which you will review and accept. On this screen, you are accepting that the payment details are accurate. You are not choosing to accept and keep the payment. Once you accept this screen, it will take you to the next screen.
- This final screen is where you will accept or reject the payment. It provides disclaimer info at the top, and requires that contact and practice info be entered. At the bottom of the screen there are two boxes. You can choose
  - "I ACCEPT PAYMENT"
  - "I REJECT PAYMENT" (If you reject the payment, you must return it within 30 days in the same format that you received it.)
    - If you received an electronic deposit, you must contact your financial institution and reject the funds with code R23- Refused by receiver. I would ask your bank for some sort of confirmation of this transaction.
    - If you received a paper check, you must return the check to  
UH Group  
Cares Act Provider Relief Fund  
PO Box 31376  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84131-0376

Although it is not required, we would highly recommend returning the payment by certified mail with return receipt so that you can track and have confirmation that you returned the payment.

We hope that this information provides additional clarity on this issue. Please also use the CARES Provider Relief line (866) 569-3522.

## [Governor DeWine to Announce Re-Opening Plan Monday](#)

Governor DeWine announced that he will be providing details of Ohio's re-opening plan on Monday, April 27th. Ohio's Stay-At-Home order currently expires on May 1st, 2020.

We do expect this phase-in to be gradual and specific. Once there is more information available about this, we will be sure to update everyone on next steps.

As a reminder, you can watch the Governor's announcement [online here](#) or on [Facebook here](#).



## [In Case you Missed It: Resources for Sourcing PPE](#)

We know that many are looking for where they can locate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other medical supplies to protect themselves, their staff, and their patients. The Ohio Manufacturing Alliance has announced their new exchange to help facilitate access to PPE.



This online marketplace will assist you in finding manufacturers who have stepped up to assist in the COVID-19 response for Ohio.

**[Click here to check out the marketplace!](#)**



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