



# HEART BEAT

*The monthly newsletter from The OSCA*

## SPECIAL EDITION

### COVID-19 UPDATE - 4/29/2020

*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.*

### Governor DeWine Changes ReOpening Plan Again

Yesterday evening, Governor DeWine again made a change relative to the face covering portion of his Responsible Restart Ohio Plan.

The newest version of the plan relative to face coverings, which was announced Tuesday evening, states **“Require face coverings for employees and recommend them for clients/customers at all times.”**

During today’s press conference, the Lieutenant Governor re-iterated:

- The state of Ohio will not require that customers entering retail establishments wear face coverings, however, it is strongly recommended.
- Face coverings would still be mandated for employees while on the job. The following exceptions were outlined: an employee in a particular position is prohibited by law from wearing a face covering, it is against documented industry best practices, it is not advisable for health purposes, it is a violation of company’s safety policy, an employee is sitting alone in an enclosed work space, when there is a practical reason when an employer or employee could not wear a face covering.
- If you believe you qualify for one for one these exceptions, you must provide written documentation upon request.

This section of the Responsible Restart Ohio has been confusing and frustrating as Ohioans have seen multiple versions of the plan in the last 24 hours. As of this afternoon, this is the current requirement with the Responsible Restart Ohio. All offices have been advised to develop policies relative to COVID-19 and you will want to designate a staff member to ensure your policies are updated. If an exception applies to your office regarding the face covering requirement, make sure you are including this in your policy.

[Additional information regarding Responsible Restart Ohio can be found here.](#)

*We have received frequent questions since the announcement about where to find these materials for your office. The Ohio Manufacturing Alliance has a 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 view the](#)*

## [Round 2 of HHS Funding Now Available](#)

Between April 10-17, HHS dispersed its first round of stimulus payments to eligible Medicare providers. The OSCA has previously put out communications on this topic. Starting April 24, HHS started to distribute the remaining \$20 Billion of the \$50 Billion general distribution for providers. This is allocated to providers based on their proportional share of net patient revenue.

Members have reached out to the OSCA regarding communications they have received from HHS and Medicare. We are aware of a few email communications that providers are receiving:

- The initial distribution email from HHS confirming your first stimulus payment
- A reminder email to agree to the terms and conditions of the first payment within 30 days
- An email regarding the second phase of funding

Providers receiving this second round of funding will be required to submit cost report data.

“Medicare providers for whom HHS did not have adequate cost report data on file will need to submit their revenue information to the [General Distribution Portal](#) to be able to receive additional general distribution funds and agree to the [Terms and Conditions](#) for this additional distribution.

Providers who received their additional money automatically will still need to submit their revenue information so that it can be verified via the portal.

If you have already rejected the first round of funding, you are automatically ineligible to receive this money. You will not be able to complete the attestation, and therefore should not take further action.

[Click here for FAQs on the General Distribution Portal - PDF.](#)

[Click here to go to the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund web page.](#)

## [Massage Therapy Restrictions Lifted](#)

In yesterday's Heartbeat, we provided the following communication that is available on the Ohio State Medical Board's website regarding massage therapy:

- 4/28/20 - Massage therapy locations are not included in the Ohio Department of Health's Responsible Restart Ohio Plan. Only massages provided as a part of a patient's plan of care, in a health care setting such as a doctor's office, hospital or chiropractor's office, may continue.

Since then, we have received many questions regarding massage therapy in your offices, massage therapy by independent contractors, and for different types of massages.

What we know for certain, based on the information provided by the licensing board for LMTs, is that massage provided as part of a patient's plan of care and in a health care setting, including your office is acceptable.

It is possible that some massage services, including those not part of a care plan, those for relaxation, etc. will not be allowed under the above guidance. It is also possible that a LMT in your office could render some massage services that are acceptable because they are part of a care plan, and other massages appointments, not part of a care plan, must be postponed until allowed by the Governor's Restart Plan and the Ohio State Medical Board (OSMB).

It is important to understand that the chiropractic board does not license or regulate LMTs

and our association does not represent LMTs. Therefore, our ability to answer some questions is limited.

If, after reading the statement provided by the OSMB, a LMT licensee still has questions, they would need to reach out to their licensing board for guidance and clarification.



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