



HEART BEAT

The monthly newsletter from The OSCA

SPECIAL EDITION

COVID-19 UPDATE - 4/23/2020

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.

FAQ: The HHS Medicare Stimulus Package

Last week, the OSCA notified members that monies from CMS arrived in many DCs accounts as a result of the CARES act. However, anyone that accepts this money must agree to the terms and conditions, which includes potentially opening your business up for audits.

You should have received an email from CMS that links to the attestation website. This is where you can choose whether or not you agree to the terms and conditions to accept the funds. We have received many inquiries about what this all means for your office, so we compiled our most frequently asked questions to help you navigate how to proceed.

Q: How do I return the funds?

The attestation portal will allow you to confirm receipt and accept or reject the funds. For those wishing to reject the funds, the CARES Act Provider Relief Site also directs providers to contact HHS within 30 days of receipt of payment and then remit the full payment to HHS as instructed. A toll-free CARES Provider Relief line has been created, (866) 569-3522. Both steps must be completed within 30 days of receipt of the payment.

Q: Are there any restrictions in place for what I can utilize these funds for?

The terms and conditions for acceptance state that

- The payment will only be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, and shall reimburse the recipient only for health care related expenses or lost revenues that are attributable to coronavirus.
- You cannot use the payment to reimburse expenses or losses that have been reimbursed from other sources or that other sources are obligated to reimburse.

HHS continues to update the CARES Act provider relief site and states that additional information will be provided.

Q: The funds from the CARES Act require a way to keep record of the spending of these funds. Is there a best way to go about this?

HHS has stated that they will audit recipients to ensure funds were properly used and they have a 3-year window in which to initiate an audit.

The Terms and Conditions state:

- The recipient shall submit reports as the Secretary determines are needed to ensure compliance with conditions that are imposed on the payment, and such reports shall be in form, with such content, as specified by the Secretary in future program instructions directed to all recipients.
- The recipients shall maintain appropriate records and cost documentation including, as applicable, documentation required by 45 CFR § 75.302 –Financial management and 45 CFR § 75.361 through 75.365 –Record Retention and Access, and other information required by the future program instructions to substantiate the reimbursement of costs under this award. The recipient shall promptly submit copies of such records and cost documentation upon the request of the secretary, and recipient agrees to fully cooperate in all audits the Secretary, Inspector General, or Pandemic Response Accountability Committee conducts to ensure compliance with these terms and conditions.

For the time being, make sure that you record the transaction as a payment from the CARES Act HHS provider relief fund. If you have expenses related to preventing, preparing for, or responding to coronavirus, make sure that you record them and save documentation of the purchases (possible examples may include sanitizer, facemasks, telehealth expenses, etc.).

If you have experienced a loss of revenue due to coronavirus, document that also (what percentage of reduction in patient volume have you experienced, what amount of lost revenue does that translate to). What expenses will be outstanding due to lost revenue and provide documentation. If you work with an accountant, they may be a good resource to consult with.

As more information is provided, the OSCA will communicate updates.

Q: I received a paper check and the Attestation Portal would not accept the check number printed at the top of the check. What should I do?

The paper check may contain a shorter, 4-digit check number. However, at the bottom of the check, the same number should appear preceded by zeros. The longer number that includes the zeros is accepted by the portal.

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!](#)

Legislative Corner: Stay-At-Home Order

Ohio's Stay-At-Home order currently expires on May 1st, 2020. However, the OSCA has received many questions over how this looks for Ohio DCs and their practices.

We anticipate that there will be a new order issued

prior to that date. We do not know what this will look like. Over the last week, Governor DeWine has discussed the plan to phase back into regular life. 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.



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