

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act



UPDATE: Advance Payment Program

As of Sunday, April 26, 2020, CMS has suspended the Advance Payment Program to Part B providers, effective immediately

If you have already applied for an advance payment:

Follow up with your MAC to determine your status

ADVANCE PAYMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

- On Sunday, April 26, 2020, CMS announced that it is reevaluating the amounts that will be paid under its Accelerated Payment Program and suspending its Advance Payment Program to Part B suppliers, including physicians, effective immediately.
- **Beginning April 26, 2020, CMS will not be accepting any new applications for the Advance Payment Program for Part B suppliers, including physicians,** and CMS will be reevaluating all pending and new applications for Accelerated Payments in light of historical direct payments made available through the Department of Health & Human Services' (HHS) Provider Relief Fund.
- The agency made this announcement following the successful payment of over \$100 billion to healthcare providers and suppliers through the Accelerated and Advance Payment programs and in light of the \$175 billion recently appropriated for healthcare provider relief payments through the Provider Relief Fund.
- Significant additional funding outside of the Advance Payment program will continue to be available to hospitals and other healthcare providers through other programs. Congress appropriated \$100 billion in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act (PL 116-136) and \$75 billion through the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (PL 116-139) for healthcare providers. HHS is distributing this money through the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund, and these payments do not need to be repaid.
- For more information on the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund and how to apply, visit <https://www.hhs.gov/providerrelief>.
- For an updated fact sheet on the Accelerated and Advance Payment Programs, visit: <https://www.cms.gov/files/document/Accelerated-and-Advanced-Payments-Fact-Sheet.pdf>.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Visit the [HCA Healthcare CARES Website](#) to learn more about this and other financial support services

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