



COVID-19: Key Documents

Updated: January 22, 2021

This memo updates our key documents from CMS, FDA and other agencies. For the complete list of CMS documents related to COVID-19, click [here](#).

HHS – Provider Relief Fund Reporting and Auditing Requirements - click [here](#) for the press release; [here](#) for the reporting and auditing requirements; and [here](#) for the General and Targeted Distribution Notice of Post-Payment Reporting Requirements (**UPDATED** 1/15/21)

HHS – Provider Relief Fund FAQs – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 1/15/21)

CDC – Nursing and Long-Term Care Facilities’ Resources – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 1/13/21)

CMS – Acute Care Hospital-at-Home Waivers – click [here](#) (1/13/21)

CMS – Automated Web Tool for Section 1135 Waivers and PHE Inquiries – click [here](#) for the press release and [here](#) for the site (1/11/21)

CDC – FAQs for Laboratories – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 1/11/21)

January 8, 2021

CMS – COVID-19 FAQs for State Medicaid and CHIP Agencies - click [here](#) (1/6/21)

CMS – COVID-19 FAQs for Medicare Fee-For-Service Billing – click [here](#) (1/5/21)

HHS – Announcement of \$22 Billion in Funding for Testing and Vaccinations – click [here](#) (1/6/21)

CMS - Hospitals Approved for Acute Hospital Care at Home Program – click [here](#) (12/31/20)

CMS - Flexibility for Exceeding 24-Hour Timeframe in ASCs During PHE – click [here](#) (12/30/20)

CMS – Guidance Giving States 6 Months Post PHE to Return to Normal State Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), and Basic Health Program (BHP) Operations - click [here](#) (12/22/20)

CMS – Provider Relief Fund FAQs – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 12/28/20)

December 18, 2020

CMD - Vaccine Tool Kit – Medicaid Coverage & Reimbursement - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 12/17/20)

HHS – Distribution of Phase 3 COVID-19 Provider Relief Funding – click [here](#) (12/16/20)

HRSA – Provider Relief Fund Allowable Expense Overview – click [here](#) (12/11/20)

CMS – Provider Relief Fund FAQs – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 12/11/20)

FDA – Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers Administering Vaccine – click [here](#) (12/11/20)

HHS – Guidance for Hospital COVID-19 Data Reporting and FAQs – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 12/8/20)

HHS – COVID-19 Hospital Facility Level Data – click [here](#) for the press release and [here](#) for FAQs (12/8/20)

HHS – Nursing Home Incentive Distribution Payments – click [here](#) for press release, [here](#) for state-by-state breakdown and [here](#) by facility (12/7/20)

CMS – Nursing Home COVID-19 Testing FAQs - click [here](#) (12/7/20)

CMS – Policy on Antigen Testing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 12/7/20)

CMS – New & Expanded Flexibilities for FQHCs and RHCs - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 12/3/20)

December 4, 2020

HHS – PREP Act Amendment to Expand Access to COVID-19 Covered Countermeasures via Telehealth – click [here](#) for press release and [here](#) for amendment – (12/3/20)

CDC – FAQs for Laboratories – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 12/3/20)

CMS – FAQs on COVID-19 Medicare FFS Billing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 12/1/20)

HHS – Hospital Operations Toolkit – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 12/1/20)

CMS - New ICD-10 Codes for COVID-19 - click [here](#) (11/25/20)

CMS – Strategy to Enhance Hospital Capacity – click [here](#) for press release, [here](#) for the Individual Waiver Application and [here](#) for Revised Guidance for ASCs (11/25/20)

CDC – How to Report COVID-19 Laboratory Data – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 11/25/20)

CMS – Medicaid, CHIP Coverage and Reimbursement for COVID-19 Vaccines - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 11/23/20)

November 20, 2020

CMS – Provider Relief Fund FAQs – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 11/18/20)

CDC – Clinical Q & A about COVID-19 – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 11/18/20)

CDC - FAQs about COVID-19 for Laboratories – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 11/13/20)

ASPR – Resources for Establishing Alternative Care Sites – click [here](#) (11/12/20)

CMS – Medicare Coverage of Monoclonal Antibodies – click [here](#) for the press release and [here](#) for the program instruction memo (11/10/20)

November 3, 2020

CMS – Provider Relief Fund FAQs (includes corrections to reporting requirements) - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 10/28/20)

CMS – Vaccine Toolkit for Providers – click [here](#) (10/30/20)

CMS – IFC on Reimbursement for Vaccines and Treatments – click [here](#); for Fact Sheet - click [here](#) (10/28/20)

CMS – FAQs on Billing for Medicare Fee for Service – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 10/28/20)

CDC – MMWR – COVID-19 Hospitalizations Among Health Care Personnel - click [here](#) (10/26/20)

October 22, 2020

HHS – Amended Guidance on Provider Relief Fund Reporting - click [here](#); Policy Memorandum – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 10/22/20)

HHS – Expansion of Provider Relief Fund Eligibility – click [here](#) (10/22/20)

HHS – FAQs on Provider Relief Fund - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 10/15/20)

CDC – Updated Guidance on COVID-19 Testing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 10/21/20)

CDC – FAQs on COVID-19 – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 10/21/20)

CDC – Resources for Labs – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 10/18/20)

CDC – How to Report COVID-19 Lab Data – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 10/16/20)

CDC – Information for Labs – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 10/16/20)

CMS – Changes to Medicare Reimbursement for COVID-19 Tests - click [here](#) (10/15/20)

FDA – FAQs on Testing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 10/13/20)

HHS – Provider Relief Fund FAQs – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 10/9/20)

October 9, 2020

CMS – New Repayment Terms for Medicare Loans – click [here](#) for press release, [here](#) for the CMS Fact Sheet and [here](#) for FAQs (10/8/20)

HHS – COVID-19 Guidance for Hospital Reporting and FAQs - click [here](#) (10/6/20)

CMS – Standards and Quality Memo for Hospital Reporting – click [here](#) (10/6/20)

HHS – Provider Relief Fund FAQs – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 10/1/20)

HHS – Phase 3 Distribution of Provider Relief Funds - click [here](#) (10/1/20)

HHS – Summary of Provider Relief Fund Reporting Requirements – click [here](#) (9/29/20)

CMS – New Tools to Streamline Lab Certification for COVID-19 Testing – click [here](#) (9/25/20)

September 25, 2020

HHS – Flow Chart for Payment for COVID-19 Testing - click [here](#) (9/21/20)

HHS - Provider Relief Funds - General and Targeted Distribution Post-Payment Notice of Reporting Requirements - click [here](#) (9/19/20)

HHS – Provider Relief Funds FAQs – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 9/3/20)

CMS – FAQs on Medicare FFS Billing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 9/11/20)

September 11, 2020

HHS – OIG FAQs and Advisory Opinion Process – click [here](#) (9/3/20)

CDC – Interim Guidance for Rapid Antigen Testing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/29/20)

CDC – COVID-19 Electronic Case Reporting – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/29/20)

CMS – FAQs on Point of Care Testing – click [here](#) (8/31/20)

CMS - FAQs on CLIA and University Lab Testing– click [here](#) (8/31/20)

CDC – FAQs on COVID-19 – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/27/20)

August 28, 2020

CMS - FAQs on Treatment of Provider Relief Fund Payments and Paycheck Protection Program on Cost Report – click [here](#) see pages 98-102; click [here](#) for press release (**UPDATED** 8/27/20)

ASPR – Lessons Learned – click [here](#) (8/26/20)

HHS – Deadline for Applying for Phase 2 General Distribution Funding Extended to September 13 – click [here](#) (8/25/20)

HHS – FAQs on the Provider Relief Fund – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/25/20)

CMS – Interim Final Rule Requiring Daily Hospital Data Reporting and Testing of Nursing Home Staff and Residents - click [here](#) for the press release, [here](#) for the interim final rule with comment period (8/25/20)

CMS – Guidance for New Testing Requirements in Nursing Homes and Clinical Labs – click [here](#); click [here](#) for lab testing guidance and [here](#) for nursing home guidance (8/26/20)

CMS – Flexibilities for Hospitals - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/25/20)

CMS – Flexibilities for Physicians and Other Clinicians - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/25/20)

CMS – Flexibilities for Teaching Hospitals, Teaching Physicians and Medical Residents – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/25/20)

CMS – Flexibilities for Laboratories – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/25/20)

HHS – Guidance on HIPAA and Contacting Patients about Plasma Donation – click [here](#) (8/24/20)

CDC – Overview of Testing - click [here](#) (8/24/20)

CMS – Emergency Declarations and Blanket Waivers - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/20/20)

CMS – Rural Crosswalk of Flexibilities – click [here](#) (8/20/20)

FDA – Medical Device Shortage List – click [here](#) (8/20/20)

CMS – Reimbursement Increase for COVID-19 Medicare Patients Effective 9/1/20 -click [here](#) (8/17/20)

CMS – Announces Resumption of Inspections of all Providers and Suppliers – click [here](#) (8/17/20)

CMS – Guidance for COVID-19 Management of Dialysis Facilities - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/17/20)

FDA – COVID-19 Resources for Health Professionals – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/17/20)

CDC – How to Report COVID-19 Lab Data – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/17/20)

CDC – FAQs for Laboratories – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/15/20)

CMS – Distribution of \$1.4B to Children’s Hospitals - click [here](#) (8/14/20)

August 14, 2020

CDC – Interim Lab Biosafety Guidelines – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/11/20)

HHS – FAQs on Provider Relief Funds – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/11/20)

HRSA – Step-by-Step Guide to the Provider Relief Funds – click [here](#) (7/20)

HHS – Provider Relief Fund Phase 2 general distributions accepting applications - click [here](#) (8/10/20)

CMS - FAQs on Medicare FFS Billing - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/7/20)

CDC – How to Report Lab Data – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/7/20)

August 7, 2020

CDC – How to Report Lab Data – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/4/20)

ASPR – Hospital Resource Compilation – click [here](#) (8/3/20)

CDC – FAQs for Laboratories – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/2/20)

CDC – Interim Guidelines for COVID-19 Antibody Testing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/1/20)

CDC – Interim Guidance for Pooling Procedures – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 8/1/20)

HHS – Extension of Application Deadline for Provider Relief Fund - click [here](#) (7/31/20)

CDC – Guidance for Healthcare Workers About Testing - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/31/20)

HHS – Guidance for Hospital Reporting and FAQs – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/29/20)

CMS – Updated Data on COVID-19 Impacts on Medicare Beneficiaries - click [here](#) (7/28/20)

July 31, 2020

CMS – **New** Hospital Procedure Codes – click [here](#) (7/30/20)

CMS – **New** Provider Reimbursement for Counseling Patients – click [here](#); Provider Q&A – click [here](#) (7/30/20)

CDC – Key Considerations for Transferring Patients – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/30/20)

CDC – Interim Guidelines for Antibody Testing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/30/20)

CMS – Hospital Flexibilities – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/30/20)

CMS – Flexibilities for Teaching Hospitals, Teaching Physicians and Medical Residents – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/30/20)

CDC – Information for Rural Communities – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/29/20)

CDC – Hospital Forecasts – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/29/20)

CDC – Preparedness Tools for Facilities – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/29/20)

CDC – FAQs for Labs - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/29/20)

CMS - COVID19- Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/28/20)

ASPR TRACIE – COVID-19 Resources – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/28/20)

CMS - FAQs on Medicare FFS Billing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/24/20)

CDC – FAQs for Health Care Workers – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/26/20)

CDC – How to Report COVID-19 Lab Data - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/25/20)

July 24, 2020

HHS – Azar Extends Public Health Emergency for 90 Days – click [here](#) (7/23/20)

FDA – FAQs on Testing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/23/20)

CDC – Uses of Telehealth during COVID-19 – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/21/20)

CDC – Clinical Questions about COVID-19 – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/23/20)

HHS – Post Payment Notice of Reporting Requirements - click [here](#) (7/20/20)

HHS - New Data Dashboard – click [here](#) (7/20/20)

HHS – PROTECT FAQs – click [here](#) (7/20/20)

CDC – How to Report COVID-19 Lab Data – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/18/20)

CDC – Interim Guidance – Criteria for Healthcare Personnel Returning to Work - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/17/20)

CDC – Strategies to Mitigate Personnel Shortages – click [here](#) (UPDATED 7/17/20)

CDC – Clinical Questions about COVID-19 – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/17/20)

CDC – Overview of Testing – click [here](#) (7/17/20)

CDC – Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Disposition of Patients – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/17/20)

CDC – Guidance for Testing Healthcare Personnel – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/17/20)

CDC – Provider Relief Fund Distributions to Hot Spots - click [here](#) for a list of hospital recipients, and [here](#) for a state-by-state breakdown of the funding (**UPDATED** 7/17/20)

HRSA – Fact Sheet - Provider Relief Fund – Medicaid and CHIP Distribution – click [here](#) (7/17/20)

July 17, 2020

CMS - FAQs on Medicare FFS Billing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/15/20)

CDC – Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/15/20)

HHS – Coverage for COVID-19 Testing - click [here](#) (7/14/20) (This chart explains the FAQs – click [here](#) - published on 6/23/20)

CDC – Guidance for Testing Healthcare Personnel – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/14/20)

HHS - Guidance & FAQs for Hospital Data Reporting – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/10/20)

CMS – Hospital Flexibilities – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/9/20)

HHS - \$4B for Safety Net and Specialty Rural Hospitals – click [here](#) (7/8/20)

CDC – Strategies to Optimize PPE – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/9/20)

CDC – FAQs about Testing for Laboratories – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/16/20)

CDC – Key Considerations for Transferring Patients – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/12/20)

CDC – Guidance for Healthcare Facilities – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/12/20)

July 10, 2020

CDC – Electronic Case Reporting for COVID-19 for Health Professionals – click [here](#) (7/9/20)

HRSA - \$21M for Health Center for COVID-19 – click [here](#) (7/9/20)

HRSA – Fact Sheet for Medicaid & CHIP Providers on the Provider Relief Fund – click [here](#) (7/7/20)

CDC – Interim Guidance on Testing Healthcare Personnel – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/2/20)

CDC – Information for Laboratories – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/3/20)

July 2, 2020

CDC – Hospitalization Forecasts – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/1/20)

CDC – Cases, Data and Surveillance – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 7/1/20)

CMS - NEW FAQs for Medicaid and CHIP Agencies - click [here](#) (6/30/20)

Alternate Care Site Toolkit – 3rd Edition – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/30/20)

CDC – Antibody Testing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/30/20)

CDC – Framework for Healthcare Systems Providing Non-COVID-19 Care – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/30/20)

CDC – Training for Healthcare Professionals – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/30/20)

CDC – Clinical Q&A about COVID-19 - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/28/20)

CMS – Blanket Waivers – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/25/20)

June 25, 2020

CDC – Claims reimbursement for uninsured - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/18/20)

CMS – FAQs on insurance coverage for COVID-19 testing - click [here](#) (6/23/20)

CMS - FAQs on Medicare FFS Billing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/19/20)

FDA – FAQs on COVID-19 – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/19/20)

CDC – FAQs on COVID-19 – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/22/20)

CMS – Preliminary Medicare Data COVID-19 Snapshot – click [here](#) (6/22/20)

June 18, 2020

HHS – CARES Act Provider Relief Fund FAQs – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/15/20)

CMS – Hospitals’ Flexibilities – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/12/20)

CMS - FAQs on Medicare FFS Billing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/16/20)

CMS – Blanket Waivers – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/12/20)

ASPR TRACIE – System Considerations for Resumption of Services - click [here](#) (6/12/20)

ASPR TRACIE – Ensuring Healthcare Safety (slide deck) – click [here](#) (6/2/20)

HHS – Timeline of Provider Relief Fund Disbursements - Click [here](#) (6/15/20)

CDC – COVID-19 Testing Recommendations – click [here](#) (6/13/20)

CDC – Overview of Testing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/13/20)

CDC – FAQs for Laboratories – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/13/20)

FDA – Revocation of EUA for hydroxychloroquine - click [here](#) (6/15/20)

CMS – Blanket Waivers – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/12/20)

CDC – COVID-19 Forecasts: New Hospitalizations click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/10/20)

CDC – Information for Laboratories, click [here](#); for FAQs, click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/10/20)

CDC – Guidance re Telehealth - click [here](#) (6/10/20)
CMS – Recommendations for Re-opening Healthcare Facilities - click [here](#) (6/8/20)
CMS – Guide for Patients - click [here](#) (6/8/20)
FDA – Emergency Use Authorizations for Respirators - click [here](#) (**REVISED** 6/7/20)
HHS – Enhanced Provider Portal for Medicaid, CHIP & Safety Net Providers - click [here](#) (6/9/20)

June 5, 2020

HHS – CARES Act Provider Relief Fund FAQs - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/3/20)
HHS – New Laboratory Reporting Guidance for COVID-19 Testing – click [here](#) (6/4/20)
CMS – Innovation Center Payment Models COVID-19 Adjustments – click [here](#) (6/3/20)
FDA – COVID-19 Resources for Health Professionals - click [here](#) (6/2/20)
CDC – Interim Guidance for Clinical Treatment – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/2/20)
CMS – COVID-19 FAQs on FFS Billing - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 6/2/20)
HHS – Provider Relief Fund FAQs – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/29/20)
CDC – Healthcare Infection Prevention & Control – click [here](#) FAQs (**UPDATED** 5/29/20)
CMS - Fact Sheet on Payment for Alternative Care Sites – click [here](#) (**FINAL** 5/26/20)
CDC – Claims Reimbursement for Testing & Treatment of the Uninsured – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/29/20)

May 29, 2020

CMS – COVID-19 FAQs on FFS Billing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/27/20)
FDA – Letter to Health Care Providers re Sterilization of N95 Respirators – click [here](#) (5/27/20)
CDC – Interpretation of Forecast of New Hospitalizations – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/27/20)
ASPR – Funding Sources for Alternative Care Sites - [here](#) for a summary; click [here](#) for slides and webinar (5/22/20)
CDC – N95 Considerations – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/22/20)
CDC – COVID-19 Surge Tool – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/24/20)
CDC – Interim Guidelines for COVID-19 Antibody Testing – click [here](#) (5/23/20)
CDC – Information for Labs – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/23/20)

CDC – Interim Guidelines for Specimen Collection – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/22/20)

CDC – Interim Guidance for Healthcare Personnel with Exposure – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/23/20)

FDA – FAQs on Testing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/26/20)

CMS – June 3 Deadline for Provider Relief Fund - click [here](#) (5/20/20)

CMS – FAQs on Provider Relief Fund – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/20/20)

CDC – Framework for Healthcare Systems Providing Non-COVID Clinical Care – click [here](#) (5/19/20)

CDC – Interim Infection and Prevention Control in Healthcare Settings - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/18/20)

CDC – Strategies to Optimize PPE and Equipment – click [here](#) (5/18/20)

CMS – Medicare Billing Codes for COVID-19 Tests - Click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/19/20)

CMS – Medicare FFS Billing FAQs -Click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/15/20)

CMS – Hospital Flexibilities - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/15/20)

ASPR – Funding for Alternative Care Sites - click [here](#) (5/18/20)

HHS - Grants for Health Services Research - Click [here](#) (5/14/20)

CMS – Lab test codes - click [here](#) (5/12/20)

FEMA – Medical Care Costs Eligible for Public Assistance – click [here](#) (5/9/20)

CMS – FAQs on Price Transparency for COVID-19 - click [here](#) (5/13/20)

CDC – Framework for Providing Non-COVID 19 Clinical Care – click [here](#) (5/13/20)

FDA – Emergency Use Authorization for the ASCOM telecare IP Nurse Call System for remote communications – click [here](#) (5/11/20)

FEMA – Maintaining Alternate Care Sites – click [here](#) (5/12/20)

AHRQ – COVID-19 Resources – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/12/20)

CDC – ICD-10-CM Coding Guidelines – click [here](#) (5/12/20)

CMS - Guidance on Expanding Laboratory Testing - click [here](#) (5/8/20)

CDC – Q&A for Lab Testing & Reporting – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/9/20)

CDC – Information for Laboratories – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/9/20)

CMS – Emergency Blanket Waivers for Health Care Providers – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/11/20)

HHS – Provider Relief Fund Payment Methodology- click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/8/20)

HRSA – COVID-19 Info for Health Centers – click [here](#) (5/8/20)

HRSA – Provider Relief Fund General Allocations – Click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/8/20)

CMS Telehealth Video – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/8/20)

CMS – Accelerated & Advanced Payments by State & Provider – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/8/20)

HRSA – FAQs on the Uninsured Program -click [here](#) (5/7/20)

HHS – Extension of Attestation Deadline for Provider Relief Fund – click [here](#) (5/7/20)

HRSA – Provider Relief Fund General Allocations - Click [here](#) (5/6/20)

CMS – COVID-19 New FAQs for Medicaid & CHIP – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/5/20)

CMS – Comprehensive COVID-19 FAQs for Medicaid & CHIP – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 5/5/20)

CMS – CARES Provider Relief Portal - click [here](#); for General Distribution Portal; for FAQs click [here](#) (5/4/20)

CMS – Slide presentation on enabling health system expansion – click [here](#) (5/4/20)

CMS – Distribution of funds for High Impact and Rural Providers – click [here](#) (5/1/20)

CDC – Q&A for Lab Testing & Reporting - click [here](#) (5/1/20)

CDC – 10 Ways Hospital Systems Can Operate Effectively – click [here](#) (5/1/20)

May 1, 2020

CMS Interim Final Rule – click [here](#) for the Fact Sheet (4/30/20)

- Click [here](#) for interim final rule (4/30/20)
- Click [here](#) for blanket waivers (**UPDATED** 4/29/20)
- Click [here](#) for all CMS waivers and flexibilities (**UPDATED** 4/30/20)
- Click [here](#) for hospital specific waivers (**UPDATED** 4/30/20)
- Click [here](#) for lab test codes for COVID-19 (4/30/20)

CMS – EMTALA FAQs, Part II – click [here](#) (4/30/20)

White House Coronavirus Task Force (4/27/20)

- Testing Overview ([HERE](#))
- Testing Blueprint ([HERE](#))

CDC – Strategies to Mitigate Personnel Shortages – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 4/30/20)

CDC - Guidelines on Evaluating and Testing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 4/27/20)

CMS – Portal for billing for the uninsured – click [here](#); FAQs – click [here](#) (4/27/20)

CMS – Fact Sheet on Accelerated Payments (re-evaluated) click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 4/26/20); payments by state as of 4/24/20 -click [here](#)

CMS – FAQs on Medicare FFS Billing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 4/29/20)

CDC - Tool to Predict Surge – click [here](#) (4/23/20)

CMS – Provider Burden Relief FAQs – click [here](#) (4/23/20)

HHS – 90 day extension of public health emergency – click [here](#) (4/21/20)

OSHA - Respirator Guidance - Click [here](#) for press release and [here](#) for interim enforcement guidance (4/24/20).

April 23, 2020

HHS Details \$100B Grant Disbursement – click [here](#) (4/22/20)

CMS Enforcement Discretion of Interoperability, Patient Access and Information Blocking Rules – For press release, click [here](#); for CMS announcement, click [here](#); and for ONC announcement, click [here](#) 4/21/20)

Reimbursement:

HRSA – Claims Process for Uninsured – click [here](#) (4/22/20)

CMS – Suspension of 2% Payment Adjustment for Medicare FFS Claims – Click [here](#) (4/10/20)

CMS - Increased payments for COVID-19 claims for both IPPS hospitals and LTCHs - click [here](#) (4/15/20)

CMS - Increased Reimbursement for High-Throughput Labs – Click [here](#) (4/15/20)

CMS – FAQs on Reimbursement under COVID-19 Legislation – Click [here](#) (4/13/20)

CMS Waivers:

Blanket Waivers for Health Care Providers – Click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 4/21/20)

Telehealth:

HHS – Telehealth Info – Click [here](#) (4/22/20)

Opening Up America Again

CMS – Guidance on restarting elective procedures – Click [here](#) (4/19/20)

White House Task Force Guidelines - Opening Up America Again – Click [here](#) (4/16/20)

Infection Control:

CMS/ASPR - Healthcare Workforce Toolkit – Click [here](#) (4/22/20)

CDC Updated Guidance on Infection Control – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 4/19/20)

CDC FAQs for clinicians – Click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 4/16/20)

Testing and Reporting:

CDC Q&A for Lab Testing & Reporting – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 4/20/20)

FDA FAQs on Diagnostic Testing - click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 4/20/20)

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Reimbursement:

CMS - FAQs re coverage for testing, ancillary services and copays – click [here](#) for the guidance document and [here](#) for the press release (4/11/20)

CMS FAQs on COVID-19 Medicare FFS Billing – click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 4/9/20)

Waivers

Workforce expansion – supervision and certification waivers – Click [here](#) (4/10/20)

List of CMS Blanket Waivers – Click [here](#) (**UPDATED** 4/9/20)

New & Expanded Flexibilities for RHCs and FQHCs (4/17/20)

ASCs:

CMS Guidance for Ambulatory Surgical Centers to Enroll as Hospitals: Click [here](#). (4/3/20)

Telehealth:

CMS Informational Bulletin on Rural Health Care and Medicaid Telehealth Flexibilities; and Medicaid Substance Use Disorder Treatment via Telehealth - click [here](#) (4/2/20)

CMS Video on FAQs re Medicare Coverage and Payment of Virtual Services: Click [here](#). (4/3/20)

FCC Telehealth Funding – click [here](#) information on the \$200 Million program; see pages 14-16 for details on the application process; see page 37 for details on the \$100 Million Connected Care Pilot Project. (4/2/20)

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Waivers:

CMS Expanded Waivers Impacting Telehealth, Home-Based Testing, Benefits for Hospital Employees and more - Click [here](#) for the CMS Fact Sheet, and [here](#) for the Interim Final Rule (3/30/20). Click [here](#) for CMS' very good 10-page summary of hospital flexibilities and [here](#) for a summary of physician flexibilities . (**UPDATED** 4/1/20)

Payment:

CMS Fact Sheet on Accelerated Payments, click [here](#); for Press release, click [here](#) (3/28/20).

Reporting:

For new COVID-19 test result reporting requirements, click [here](#) (3/29/20).

March 26, 2020

HHS:

Resources for Hospitals and Healthcare Professionals Preparing for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19 – click [here](#) (3/25/20)

Notice of Designation of Scarce Materials or Threatened Materials Subject to COVID-19, Hoarding Prevention Measures Under Executive Order – click [here](#) (3/25/20)

[CMS:](#)

New Guidance Regarding Enhanced Medicaid Funding for States – Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – click [here](#) (3/26/20)

Guidance on Payment and Grace Period Flexibilities for Issuers Offering Coverage on the Federally-facilitated Exchanges and State-based Exchanges on the Federal Platform – click [here](#) (3/24/20)

[FDA:](#)

Temporary Policy for Manufacture of Alcohol for Incorporation Into Alcohol-Based Hand Sanitizer Products During the Public Health Emergency (COVID-19) Guidance for Industry - click [here](#) (3/25/20)

FDA added hydroxychloroquine sulfate to category 1 under the Interim Policy on Compounding Using Bulk Drug Substances Under Section 503B of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act – click [here](#) (3/25/20)

March 24, 2020

[CMS:](#)

CMS Approves 11 Additional Medicaid Section 1135 Waivers – click [here](#) (3/23/20)

CMS Reporting Requirement Exceptions and Extensions - click [here](#) for details (3/22/20)

Click [here](#) for CMS checklists and tools (3/22/20) to permit states to

- access emergency administrative relief,
- make temporary modifications to Medicaid eligibility and benefit requirements,
- serve individuals with disabilities and the elderly in their homes, and
- modify payment rules

[HRSA:](#)

HHS Awards \$100M to Health Centers for COVID-19 - Click [here](#).

[FEMA:](#)

FEMA Funds Available for Not-For-Profit Providers - click [here](#) for details.

[FDA:](#)

FDA's Updated Guidance on Ventilators - click [here](#) for the letter and [here](#) for the detailed guidance document (3/22/20)

March 19, 2020

National emergency designation -click [here](#). (3/13/20)

Elective Surgeries:

Click [here](#) for the one-page overview and [here](#) for the two-page recommendation to limit non-essential planned surgeries and procedures. (3/18/20)

Waivers:

- Blanket waivers for COVID 19: Click [here](#) for the CMS Fact Sheet and [here](#) for the CMS press release. (3/13/20)
- For additional waivers, click [here](#) for the 1/31/20 Public Health Emergency declaration.

Coverage Guidance:

- [Frequently Asked Questions to Assist Medicare Providers](#) (**UPDATED** 3/23/20)
- Fact sheet: [Medicare Coverage and Payment Related to COVID-19](#) (**UPDATED** 3/23/20)
- Fact sheet: [Medicaid and CHIP Coverage and Payment Related to COVID-19 \(PDF\)](#) 3/5/20)
- FAQs for Medicaid and CHIP, click [here](#). (3/12/20)
- CMS Guidance re Medicare Advantage and Part D Plans. Click [here](#) for the Press release and [here](#) for the Memorandum. (3/10/20)

Clinical and Technical Guidance:

- EMTALA requirements related to COVID-19 click [here](#). (3/9/20)

Billing & coding guidance:

- [Frequently asked questions about Medicare fee-for-service emergency-related policies and procedures **without** an 1135 waiver \(PDF\)](#) (3/16/20)
- [Frequently asked questions about Medicare fee-for-service emergency-related policies and procedures **with** an 1135 waiver \(PDF\)](#) (3/16/20)

- Fact sheet: [Medicare Administrative Contractor \(MAC\) COVID-19 Test Pricing \(PDF\)](#) (3/13/20)
- [COVID-19: New ICD-10-CM Code and Interim Coding Guidance](#) (2/20/20)

Telehealth:

- Click [here](#) for the CMS Fact Sheet, including billing information; click [here](#) for the FAQs. (3/17/20)
- For the OIG Policy Statement, click [here](#) and [here](#) for the OIG Fact Sheet. (3/17/20)

Facemasks/respirators:

- Click [here](#) for the CMS press release and [here](#) for CMS Memo; Click [here](#) for FDA Press Release (3/10/20)

Laboratories:

- FDA Regulatory Relief for Diagnostic Testing, click [here](#) (3/16/20)

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