

Memorandum

To: NASH members

From:

Date: March 30, 2020

Subject: Stimulus bill advance Medicare payments for hospitals

This weekend CMS released guidance on Medicare advanced payments and periodic interim payments for hospitals and other provider types. The highlights are:

- Eligibility: To qualify for advance/accelerated payments the provider/supplier must:
 - have billed Medicare for claims within 180 days immediately prior to the date of signature on the provider's/supplier's request form;
 - not be in bankruptcy;
 - not be under active medical review or program integrity investigation; and
 - not have any outstanding delinquent Medicare overpayments.
- Amount of Payment: Qualified providers/suppliers will be asked to request a specific amount using an Accelerated or Advance Payment Request form provided on each MAC's website.
 - Most providers and suppliers can request up to 100 percent of the Medicare payment amount for a three-month period.
 - Inpatient acute-care hospitals, children's hospitals, and certain cancer hospitals can request up to 100 percent of the Medicare payment amount for a six-month period.
 - Critical access hospitals (CAH) can request up to 125 percent of their payment amount for a six-month period.
- Processing Time: Each MAC will work to review and issue payments within seven calendar days of receiving the request.

Instructions for applying:

- Complete and submit a request form: Accelerated/Advance Payment Request forms vary by contractor and can be found on each individual MAC's website.
- Complete an Accelerated/Advance Payment Request form and submit it to your servicing MAC via mail or email.

CMS has established COVID-19 hotlines at each MAC that are operational Monday through Friday to assist you with accelerated payment requests. You can contact the MAC that services your geographic





area. To locate your designated MAC, refer to <https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Contracting/Medicare-Administrative-Contractors/Downloads/MACs-by-State-June-2019.pdf>.

Learn more about the payments and the process of applying for advance Medicare payments from [a fact sheet CMS has published](#).

Please let us know if you have any questions.

