



April 2020

PPR WORKS

PPR Staff continues to process your claims through compliant remote connections. You will receive your reports as usual. Please use your normal method of sending work, mail, email, efax, scan, etc.

If you need pre-paid envelopes to send in work, please let us know and we'll send you some. Do not try to schedule a time to come to our office. As much as we value visiting with you, we want to maintain the appropriate safety guidelines advised by the state in order to keep both your and our staff healthy and safe.

TELEHEALTH

Medicare and commercial insurance companies have lifted the normal restrictions on telehealth visits. If you have questions regarding how to bill for these visits, please let us know. The rules are changing daily and we're trying to keep up. You can see your patients through phone or face to face visits using a variety of technologies and get paid. We will need to know the method you used to see your patient when we submit your claims.

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES FOR PROVIDER HELP

There are several government initiatives to help small businesses and medical practices. Please see the links below for information about how you may qualify.

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM

PPP is a newly created program to assist eligible businesses to obtain a forgivable loan of up to 2.5 times the company's qualified monthly payroll. The program will be administered through your bank.

<https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/136/Paycheck-Protection-Program-Application-3-30-2020-v3.pdf>

SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC INJURY DISTASTER LOAN

This is a SBA loan for up to \$2 million at a rate of 2.75% for up to 30 years. Initial payments can be deferred up to a year. You can apply directly at the SBA at 1.800.659.2955 or apply online at:

<https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/>

MEDICARE ADVANCED PAYMENT OPTION

CMS has relaxed requirements for providers wishing to obtain an advance payment on future Medicare claims. Application is through the provider's Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC). Eligible providers must have billed Medicare within the last 180 days, not in bankruptcy, not under medical review, or have any delinquent Medicare overpayments.

And remember, we're here to help you. Don't hesitate to call at any time for any reason.