



CMS to Reevaluate Accelerated Payment Program & Suspends Advance Payments

In a press release issued today, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) announced they are reevaluating the amounts that will be paid under its Accelerated Payment Program and suspending their Advance Payment Program to Part B suppliers, effective immediately. Beginning today, CMS will not be accepting any new applications for the Advance Payment Program.

CMS had expanded these temporary loan programs to ensure providers and suppliers had the resources needed to combat the beginning stages of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). Funding will continue to be available to hospitals and other healthcare providers on the front lines of the coronavirus response primarily from the [Provider Relief Fund](#). The Accelerated and Advance Payment (AAP) Programs are typically used to give providers emergency funding and address cash flow issues for providers and suppliers when there is disruption in claims submission or claims processing, including during a public health emergency or Presidentially-declared disaster.

Additional funding 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) [Provider Relief Fund](#) 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 Provider Relief Fund, and these payments do not need to be repaid.

An updated [fact sheet](#) on the Accelerated and Advance Payment Program is available for members on the CMS website.