



CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

CDC

COVID-19 Update, 3\30

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Status Update as of 3\30, from ADH Website:

[View the ADH COVID-19 Dashboard here.](#)

It will be updated four times a day.

- Confirmed Cases in Arkansas - 473
- Deaths - 7
- Recovered Patients - 29
- Patients in the Hospital - 62
- Patients on Ventilators - 21
- Patients in nursing homes - 47
- Healthcare workers - 73

Financial Resources Available

[Click here to view the Arkansas Economic Development Commission COVID-19 Resources Website](#)

Medicare Assistance Payments

CMS announced on 3\28 that they are expanding its accelerated and advance payment program for Medicare-participating health care providers and suppliers to ensure they have the resources needed to combat COVID-19.

Accelerated and advance Medicare payments provide emergency funding and addresses cash flow issues based on historical payments when there is disruption in claims submission and/or claims processing.

[An informational fact sheet on the accelerated/advance payment process and how to submit a request can be found here.](#)

Small Business Loans for Clinics and Practices

Small businesses in Arkansas – including health care clinics and practices – can now apply for long-term, low-interest working capital loans to meet their financial obligations during the time of a disaster.

To qualify, businesses must have:

- An acceptable credit history,
- The ability to repay the loan, and
- Collateral for loans over \$25,000. Note: SBA will not decline a loan for lack of collateral but will require the borrower to pledge collateral (e.g. real estate) that is available.

Apply for assistance on the [SBA's website](#) and submit the following documentation:

- Business Loan Application ([SBA Form 5](#)) completed and signed by business applicant.
- [IRS Form 4506-T](#) completed and signed by the applicant business; each principal owning 20% or more of the applicant business; each general partner or managing member; and any owner who has more than a 50% ownership in an affiliate business. (Affiliates include business parent, subsidiaries, and/or businesses with common ownership or management).
- Complete copies, including all schedules, of the most recent federal income tax returns for the applicant business, or an explanation if not available.
- Personal Financial Statement ([SBA Form 413](#)) completed, signed and dated by the applicant (if a sole proprietorship), each principal owning 20% or more of the applicant business, and each general partner or managing member.
- Schedule of Liabilities listing all fixed debts ([SBA Form 2202](#)) may be used).

SBA says additional information may be necessary to process your application. Approval decisions and disbursement of loan funds will depend on SBA's receipt of your submitted documentation.

You also can apply in-person at a disaster center, or by mail. For more information or to find a local disaster center, contact SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955.

Summary of CARES Act

The American Medical Association's Advocacy staff have provided a summary of the highlights of the CARES Act that was signed into law last week. [View the entire summary here](#). We will share more information as it becomes available.

Employee Retention Credit

According to the CARES Act, businesses are eligible for an employee retention tax credit if:

1. Your business operations were fully or partially suspended due to a COVID-19 shut-down order; OR
2. Gross receipts declined by more than 50% compared to the same quarter in the prior year.

Eligible businesses can get a refundable 50% tax credit on wages up to \$10,000 per employee. The credit can be obtained on wages paid or incurred from March 13, 2020, through December 31, 2020. Each practice would need to consult their tax attorney/accountant.

Telemedicine

Telemedicine Update from United Healthcare

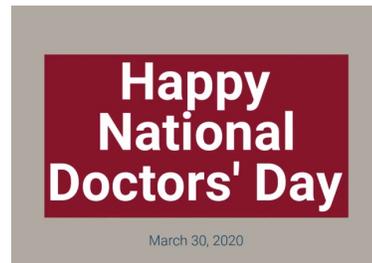
Through June 18, 2020, UnitedHealthcare will waive the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid's (CMS) originating site restriction and audio-video requirement for Medicare Advantage, Medicaid and commercial members.

Eligible care providers can now bill for telehealth services performed using audio-video or audio-only, except in the cases where we have explicitly denoted the need for interactive audio/video such as with PT/OT/ST, while a

patient is at home

[Click here to read the United Healthcare telehealth information.](#)

To view our complete list of coverage from carriers, visit www.arkmed.org/telemedicine.



Today we celebrate all Arkansas doctors who are making a difference in the lives of their patients, not just during this COVID-19 outbreak, but every single day. Happy National Doctors' Day to you! We appreciate your compassionate, patient-centered leadership.

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Got Questions? Let Us Help.

The Arkansas Medical Society is here to serve our physician members and their medical teams. On our website, we have a place that you can send us questions or share what you're experiencing. Visit ARKMED.org/covid19 and click on the Got Questions box. We will respond to your question as soon as possible. Thank you for your hard work and together we will make it through this crisis.

For more AMS COVID-19 Resources, visit ARKMED.org/covid19.

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