



## COVID-19 Update, 4\16

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### Status Update as of 4\16, from ADH Website:

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

It will be updated four times a day.

- Confirmed cumulative cases in Arkansas - 1620
- Active cases - 1035
- Recovered patients - 548
- Deaths - 37
- Patients in the hospital - 85
- Patients on ventilators - 21
- Healthcare workers - 223 (19 are physicians)

## AFMC Webinar: Keeping Your Practice Financially Healthy

**What: Panel Discussion**

**When: Friday, April 17**

**Noon - 1 p.m. CDT**

Join us for an interactive discussion on the financial side of this pandemic. Our panelists will answer questions about funding resources, applying for a small business loan, and other options available to individual practices.

[Register here!](#)

### Update on \$30 Million Disbursements from CARES Act

*From the American Medical Association:*

Since last Friday when HHS [announced](#) it would begin disbursing the first \$30 million of the emergency fund created under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to physicians and other providers via direct payment, the AMA has received several questions about how to verify eligibility for payment and who to contact when a physician believes they are eligible but did not receive a payment.

HHS partnered with UnitedHealth Group (UHG) to deliver the stimulus payments, and physicians should contact UHG's Provider Relations at 866-569-3522 about eligibility, whether a payment has been issued, and where it was sent. Note, if a physician or practice did not already set up direct deposit through CMS or UHG's Optum Pay, they will receive a check at a later date. Practices that would like to set up direct deposit now can call the UHG Provider Relations number.

In addition, HHS has opened the [CARES Act Provider Relief Fund](#)

[Payment Attestation Portal](#). Physicians who have been allocated a payment from the initial \$30 billion general distribution must sign an attestation confirming receipt of the funds and agree to the terms and conditions within 30 days of payment. The terms and conditions are listed [here](#).

## CMS Webinar: Lessons from the Front Lines of COVID-19

On behalf of CMS Administrator Seema Verma, FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn, MD, and the White House Coronavirus Task Force, we invite you to join **CMS Lessons from the Front Lines: COVID-19 on Friday, April 17th from 12:30 – 2 PM EST (11:30 -1 PM CST)**. This call series is an opportunity to hear physicians and other clinical leaders share their experiences, best practices, strategies, and insights related to COVID-19.

Lessons from The Front Lines calls are held weekly on Fridays at 12:30 PM Eastern and specific topics vary. Dial in details are below.  
CMS Lessons from the Front Lines: COVID-19

**Friday, April 17th, 12:30 – 2:00 PM Eastern**

**Participant Dial-In:** (877) 251-0301

**Access Code:** 8672948

**Webcast Streaming:** <https://protect2.fireeye.com/url?k=6fb83c6b-33ed3578-6fb80d54-0cc47adb5650-cdbb9430fa7bc190&u=https://engage.vevent.com/rt/cms2/index.jsp?seid=1924>

Conference lines are limited, so we highly encourage you to join via audio webcast, either on your computer or smartphone web browser.

## PPE Requests

If your clinic does not have PPE and is unable to obtain what you need from your normal supplier, [complete the online form](#).

## Financial Assistance

We've compiled all of the financial resources that you may need for your clinic or practice during the COVID-19 crisis at <https://www.arkmed.org/financial-assistance-during-covid-19/>.

## Telemedicine

View the latest information from insurance carriers, HIPAA, and other sources on telemedicine during the COVID-19 crisis at [ARKMED.org/telemedicine](https://www.arkmed.org/telemedicine).

Join our COVID-19 Mailing List

## 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](https://www.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](https://www.arkmed.org/covid19).

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