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CALL TO ACTION

Contact Congress Today About COVID-19 Ambulance Relief!

The American Ambulance Association (AAA) is encouraging EMS providers across the country to reach out to your members of Congress. While EMS agencies received stimulus payments last week, the need is still greater! This is a perfect advocacy opportunity for the EMS industry to obtain payment for services provided by front-line responders. Below is the Call to Action from the AAA, with a template letter linked that can be used to contact your Congress Representatives.

The Congress and Administration are currently in negotiations on a fourth economic stimulus package to address the impact of COVID-19. While the AAA and our members were successful in helping secure the recent direct payments to ambulance service providers and suppliers, we still have several issues yet to be addressed including additional financial relief. Specifically, we are advocating for coverage for "treatment in place", the ability of private for-profit EMS organizations to apply directly for FEMA Public Assistance program grants, additional direct compensation for COVID-19 expenses/lost revenue, and priority access to PPE and COVID-19 testing for paramedics and EMTs.

Please e-mail the health aides for your members of Congress today! It will only take a few minutes per congressional office to email a letter. Just follow these steps.

1. **USE THE LETTER TEMPLATE:** [CLICK HERE](#) to access a draft letter. Please customize your letter including the cities and towns you serve, if you are sending to the office of a Senator or Representative add any additional details in regards to services you are providing during the COVID-19 outbreak and its financial impact on your operation.
2. **LOOK UP YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THEIR WEB FORM**

- ADDRESS:** [CLICK HERE](#) to look up Members of Congress.
3. **SEND LETTERS TO MEMBERS:** Cut and paste the web form link into your Internet browser and you will be directed to the webpage for contacting your members of Congress. Fill in your contact information, cut and paste your letter into the comments box and hit submit.

In addition to advocating for Congress to address these issues in the next economic stimulus package, the AAA is also pressing federal agencies to use their authority to help make some of these changes regulatory. The AAA will continue to fight for our members as your operation, paramedics & EMTs are on the front-lines combating COVID-19.

If you have any questions about this update please contact Compliance or your Strategic Account Manager.

Thank you for all that you do,



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