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Announcement:

Two (2) additional stimulus funding opportunities available

Health and Human Services (HHS) recently announced two (2) additional stimulus funding opportunities available for ambulance providers.

1. A new round of stimulus payments representing another \$20B identified in the CARES Act
2. A new program will be implemented to reimburse **ground ambulance** providers for uninsured presumptive positive or confirmed positive COVID-19 patients

This second round of stimulus dollars was announced by HHS Secretary Azar as an additional reimbursement, especially directed to those providers that were disadvantaged in the first \$30B disbursement. In other words, the first round of stimulus payments favored those providers with high percentages of Medicare Fee-for-Service patients, while the second round will favor those providers with higher Medicare Advantage and Medicaid patients.

This reimbursement will be based on an **application process** in which the client will be required to submit their **2018 Net Patient Revenue**. Your 2018 Net Patient Revenue is calculated as:

- **2018 Net Patient Revenue** = (Gross Patient Revenue – (Contractual Allowances, Bad Debt Write-offs, Charity Care, Policy and Administrative Discounts))

Your **Second Round Potential Stimulus Payment** is calculated as:

- **Second Round Stimulus Payment Amount** = 2018 Net Patient Revenue – First Round Stimulus Payment Amount

The portal will be live soon to allow suppliers/providers to submit these reports to determine if you qualify for additional funding. EMS | MC will

be monitoring this site and will communicate to you when the portal is made available. Once the portal is live, we will be able to provide detailed information regarding the new calculation.

The second program announced by Secretary Azar is related to **Uninsured COVID-19 Patients**. An additional stimulus package will allow **ground ambulance** providers to submit claims for uninsured presumptive positive or confirmed positive COVID-19 patients and receive reimbursement at the Medicare Fee Schedule (MFS).

The portal is scheduled to go live on April 27, 2020 and allows claims to be submitted on or after May 6. Unfortunately, air and water ambulance services are not eligible for this reimbursement. In order to submit claims, the supplier/provider must attest that they will accept the reimbursement as payment in full, will not balance bill the patient, and attest that the patient is not eligible for any other payor source prior to submitting claims.

Additional information regarding this program can be found [here](#).

EMS | MC is monitoring both of these programs and will keep you informed when the availability of these programs is made available to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your SAM or Compliance.

Thank you,



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