

Small Practice Financial Support Programs

During COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

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In response to the COVID-19 emergency, multiple entities are offering financial aid and relief to health care providers. Below is a list of funding opportunities your practice(s) may be eligible to apply for, including loans, grants, payer-based relief, and additional opportunities. NYC REACH will continue to update providers on new opportunities as they become available.

LOANS				
Donor	Opportunity	Description	Amount	Application Deadline
Open Road Alliance	Direct COVID-19 Response	Loans available to organizations that have direct role in COVID-19 response	Up to \$100k	
NYS Empire State Development	New York Forward Loan Fund	Low interest loans for small business, nonprofits, and small landlords that: employ 20 or fewer fulltime employees (small businesses, nonprofits), or have gross revenues of less than \$3 million per year (small businesses)	Up to \$100k	Rolling Basis
Small Business Association	Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and Advance	EIDL offers low interest loans and an advance grant of up to \$10,000. The grant does not have to be repaid as long as funds are used for paid employee sick leave, payroll, increased material costs, rent/mortgage, or repaying obligations during period of revenue loss. Businesses eligible for up to \$2 million in funding.	Advance grant of \$1,000 per employee for up to \$10,000. Business eligible for up to \$2 million in funding.	December 21, 2020

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PAYER-BASED RELIEF			
Oversight	Program	Description	Duration of Relief
HHS	CARES Act Provider Relief Fund	Funding to support health care-related expenses or lost revenue attributable to COVID-19 and to ensure uninsured Americans can get testing and treatment for COVID-19. These are payments, not loans, to eligible healthcare providers, and will not need to be repaid. Funds will now be distributed to non-Medicare providers who see Medicaid/CHIP, these providers will have to input data into the portal. Payment is approximately 2% of the provider's 2019 payer revenue.	Initial Payments to Medicare providers completed in April. Second payments to Medicare providers made following their attestation, which was due 6/3 to CMS. Providers who did not bill Medicare in 2019, but who have billed Medicaid or any managed Medicaid/ CHIP plan must submit cost reporting data by 7/20 to the Provider Relief Fund portal .
CMS	Medicare Sequestration Relief	Eliminates automatic 2% reduction in Medicare payments imposed by Budget Control act of 2011	May 1 – December 31, 2020
HHS	Medicare Telehealth Expansion	New payment to RHCs and FQHCs for telehealth. HHS to set rates similar to national average payment rates for comparable telehealth services under Medicare Physician Fee Schedule.	Assumption is through the public health emergency, but will continue to monitor

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ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING				
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Federal Communications Commission	COVID-19 Telehealth Program	The COVID-19 Telehealth Program will provide immediate support to eligible health care providers responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by fully funding their telecommunications services, information services, and devices necessary to provide critical connected care services. Must be non-profit or public entity.	\$200 Million in available funds	Rolling Basis
Small Business Association	Paycheck Protection Program	The PPP offers loans for small businesses (targeting 500 or fewer employees) to keep workers on the payroll. PPP loans may be forgiven if all employees are kept on the payroll and funding is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities.	Businesses may be eligible to receive up to \$10 million. Estimated \$130 billion funds remaining.	June 30, 2020
Small Business Association	Paycheck Protection Program Flexibility Act	The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Flexibility Act retroactively provides more flexibility in the program originally created by the CARES Act. The Act decreases the percentage of loan proceeds that must be used for payroll costs from 75% to 60%, extends repayment for loans that are not forgiven from two years to five years, and extends the covered period for loan forgiveness from 8 weeks to 24 weeks after the loan origination date or December 31, 2020 (whichever comes first).		December 31, 2020

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U.S. Department of Labor	Emergency Paid and Family Leave	Employers receive fundable tax credit for 100% of the eligible leave costs. Credit applied as refund against employer's total portion of Social Security taxes for the period. (Q&A on Leave Provisions)	Paid leave: Up to 80 hours of paid sick leave of max \$511/day. Caregiver leave: Up to 80 hours of paid sick leave of max \$200/day. Expanded Family/Medical Leave: Up to an additional 10 weeks of paid leave of max \$200/day	December 31, 2020
Internal Revenue Service	Employee Retention Credit	The Employee Retention Credit is a refundable tax credit against certain employment taxes equal to 50 percent of the qualified wages an eligible employer pays to employees after March 12, 2020, and before January 1, 2021. Eligible employers can get immediate access to the credit by reducing employment tax deposits they are otherwise required to make.	For each employee, wages (including certain health plan costs) up to \$10,000 can be counted to determine the amount of the 50% credit, or simply put, \$5,000 per employee.	December 31, 2020
NYS Department of Labor	Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)	Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) is a new Federal program that is part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. PUA provides financial assistance for Americans who are unable to work due to the coronavirus pandemic but do not qualify for traditional unemployment insurance (UI).	Benefits will depend on recent employee wages + \$600/month through 7/31/2020	December 31, 2020
NYS Department of Labor	Shared Work Program	The Shared Work Program gives you an alternative to laying off workers during business downturns by allowing them to work a reduced work schedule and collect partial Unemployment Insurance benefits for up to 26 weeks. Instead of cutting staff, you can reduce the number of hours of all employees or just a certain group.	Benefits depend on the reduced hours and the weekly wage of the employee	December 31, 2020