

## **HBS Update Newsletter**

### **May 14, 2020**

To stabilize the financial health of our healthcare system, Congress has appropriated \$100 billion to reimburse providers for lost revenues and increased expenses due to the coronavirus pandemic from a Provider Relief Fund. Because funding can come from various tranches which have different terms and conditions, Attestation Portals, uses of funds, it is extremely confusing for RHCs. We have attempted to summarize information related to these distributions in Table format. While the format simplifies the presentation of the information and makes it more understandable in its brevity it tends to lose nuance and you should seek counsel of those familiar with these programs. Most of the information is derived from the Provider Relief Fund website which can be found [here](#) and in the NARHC Newsletter - Spring Edition, Nathan Baugh provides a great summary of the various funding programs which can be found [here](#).

Please find the following documents to help you manage Provider Relief Funds and PPP loans including an updated PPP loan FAQ from the SBA on 5/13/2020.

- [Provider Relief Funds for Rural Health Clinics Summary Report with Funds Table and Slides \(3-page PDF\)](#)
- [Updated PPP Loan FAQ from the SBA](#)
- [Economic Relief Tracking Tool for RHCs](#)
- [Template of Form to Report Quarterly Expenses if you received more than \\$150,000 in payments from the General or Rural Allocation Pool](#)
- [The distribution of funds is based upon the formula in this one page PDF](#)

### **Provider Relief Funds**

We are having a webinar on May 18th at 12:00 Central Time to go over the Provider Relief Funds and give RHCs a chance to ask questions.

In this webinar, Mark Lynn from Healthcare Business Specialists will provide a quick update on the Provider Relief Funds for RHCs. Mr. Lynn will go over what we know about the funds and actions RHCs need to take to regarding these funds based upon what we currently know. We will provide tools to help you keep up with the funds and reporting requirements. This 30 to 45-minute webinar will include some time for questions; however, most of the questions we have received so far are yet to be spelled out in official guidance from CMS.

Please register for Provider Relief Funds for RHCs on May 18, 2020 12:00 PM CDT at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5637251498092891150>

## NARHC Spring Newsletter

If you missed the NARHC Spring Newsletter, it has some invaluable information on RHC Funding, Telehealth, and Coding.

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/NARHC-News-2020-Spring-Edition.html?soid=1112944541597&aid=nVCf78ZNa1w>

Here is a link to the article I wrote on Telehealth.

<https://files.constantcontact.com/d9ff9a02301/18b87705-4b01-4d56-97ca-ac21e4755652.pdf>

### **VIRTUAL SELF-SURVEY WEBINAR ON MAY 19, 2020 with AAAASF & TCT (TOM TERRANOVA, KATE HILL, AND ELSIE CRAWFORD)**

In this webinar, Mark Lynn of Healthcare Business Specialists will conduct a virtual RHC Compliance walkthrough of an RHC with AAAASF and TCT. Tom Terranova (AAAASF), Kate Hill (TCT), Elsie Crawford (AAAASF) will virtually walk through with us and will point out what an RHC Certification inspector is looking for when they tour the facility. They will point out common deficiencies and provide best practices for RHCs to undertake as they prepare for their initial RHC certification inspection or for a recertification inspection. AAAASF and TCT will provide a description of their current inspection processes in the light of COVID-19. AAAASF and TCT will update RHCs on how COVID-19 has changed the infection control processes in RHCs and what steps should be taken to protect patients, staff, and providers during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. If you have questions or concerns you would like addressed on this topic, please send them to Mark Lynn at marklynnrhc@gmail.com with the Subject: "Virtual Self-Survey Questions" and we will add them to our slides. This webinar will focus on the walkthrough aspects of an RHC self-survey. We plan on having a future follow up Self Survey Inspection webinar addressing items such as Policies and Procedures, Emergency Preparedness, Protocols, chart reviews, program evaluations, and other paperwork aspects of a mock inspection. This particular webinar will focus on just the walkthrough aspect to keep our time and 1 hour or so. If you do have questions about the paperwork aspect of the mock inspection, go ahead and email those questions to us using the same Subject "Virtual Self-survey Questions.

**Please register for Virtual Self Survey with AAAASF and TCT (Tom Terranova, Kate Hill, and Elsie Crawford) on May 19, 2020 12:00 PM CDT at:**

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/627882019289589263>

**Here is a PDF that has some of the information we will go over in the webinar:**

- [Virtual Self-Survey Instructions from April 24th Virtual Self-Survey Presentation](#)
- [Virtual Mock Inspection Handout \(PDF\)](#)