

# NHPCO COVID-19 Update - 04/16/20

NHPCO has created this update for hospice and palliative care providers to share recent news and helpful links.

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## **Policy Updates**

### **CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Portal Now Open**

The <u>CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Payment Attestation Portal</u> is now open. Providers 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 receipt of payment.

#### **Questions About CARES Act Funding**

On Friday April 10, the Department of Health and Human Services began distribution of the \$30 billion in grant funding from CARES Act Provider Relief Fund for Medicare FFS providers in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic (see the NHPCO press release). The funding would have come into your account as HHS Payments. If no payment has been received, providers may want to follow up with HHS to check the status of the payment. For more information, go to the HHS Provider Relief page or call the CARES Provider Relief line at 866-569-3522.

#### **CARES Act Funding Terms and Conditions**

HHS payment of this initial tranche of funds is conditioned on the healthcare provider's acceptance of the <u>Terms and Conditions</u> (PDF), which acceptance must occur within 30 days of receipt of payment. NHPCO has received many questions about the terms and conditions and provided details about the Terms and Conditions in the April 14 Update. If a provider receives payment and does not wish to comply with these HHS Terms and Conditions, the provider must contact HHS within 30 days of receipt of payment and then remit the full payment to HHS as instructed.

## **Provider Updates**

#### Spanish Version of COVID-19 Shared Decision-Making Tool

NHPCO is pleased to provide a Spanish version of the <u>COVID-19 Shared Decision-Making tool</u>. *translating and edits by Kevin Leon*.

### Latest #hapcFacesofCaring Blog

The latest blog from NHPCO, <u>Motivated by Mission</u>, is a snapshot of hospice and palliative care providers across the country stepping up to ensure that their patients and families are cared for, even amid a pandemic that could impact their own life greatly. If you would like to share your story with us, go to <u>nhpco.org/faces-of-caring</u> or share your photo on social media and use **#hapcFacesOfCaring** so we can track your post.

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