NHPCO COVID-19 Update - 07/22/20

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

"Life is what we make it, always has been, always will be." — Grandma Moses.

Policy Update

HHS Announces Reporting Requirements for Provider Relief Funds

HHS has announced more details on <u>reporting requirements</u> for Provider Relief Fund (PRF) recipients that received one or more payments exceeding \$10,000 in the aggregate from the PRF of the timing of future reporting requirements. Detailed instructions regarding these reports will be released by August 17, 2020.

Details of Reporting:

- The reporting system will become available to recipients for reporting on October 1, 2020.
- All recipients must report within 45 days of the end of calendar year 2020 on their expenditures through the period ending December 31, 2020.
- Recipients who have expended funds in full prior to December 31, 2020 may submit a single final report at any time during the window that begins October 1, 2020, but no later than February 15, 2021.
- Recipients with funds unexpended after December 31, 2020, must submit a second and final report no later than July 31, 2021.
- Detailed PRF reporting instructions and a data collection template with the necessary data elements will be available through the HRSA website by August 17, 2020.

NHPCO Government Funding Webinar #3 – Reporting

NHPCO will be holding the third in our COVID webinar series on government funding during COVID, with a focus on reporting. Save the date for the webinar on **September 21, 2020 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm ET.** *Watch for more details coming soon.*

Congress Begins Works on Next COVID-19 Stimulus Bill

Congress is back in session with a long to-do list and a short three weeks before the scheduled August recess. Conventional wisdom states that this is the last real opportunity for meaningful legislative accomplishments as the focus turns to the upcoming elections. This work will be done against a backdrop of a resurging pandemic and economic uncertainty. COVID-19 cases are growing rapidly and discussions in Congress are beginning to focus on a new COVID-19 bill which is expected to call for direct payments to Americans; <u>liability protection for schools and businesses</u>; funds to upgrade state-level coronavirus testing capacity; and a new round of Paycheck Protection Program funding. As the bill comes into more focus NHPCO/HAN will be sharing more details.