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in an effort to assist our member physicians and other healthcare professionals during the COVID-19 pandemic, are hosting a statewide PPE donation day on April 13, 2020 at various locations around Alabama. The public and businesses from around the state are encouraged to donate any extra PPE they might have to help our physicians on the front lines striving to help our sick and keep the virus from spreading.

See a Full List of Donation Sites Here

PPE Supply Source

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The Medical Association has been working with Jason Allman who is a practice administrator in Huntsville and has potentially found a source for much needed PPE. In working with the Medical Association, Jason has offered to open his source up to physicians across the state who are in need. Below is a letter from Jason to the medical community that he has asked us to share:

Dear Medical Community,

I am writing today to inform you there is some light at the end of the tunnel. Like many of your practices and facilities, we have been struggling to get basic necessities in order to treat our patients safely. Items like masks, hand sanitizer, gowns, gloves, etc. Today, I am excited to inform you we have found a source for various medical supplies. If you are in need of supplies I will be happy to add you to our order.

Simply email me a list of supplies and quantities you are looking for and I will reply promptly. Also, if you would like to speak with someone about your questions or concerns then add your contact name and direct number where you can be reached and we will call you back.

Please contact me by email only.

Stay safe and good luck.

Sincerely, Jason Allman Jason Allman | Administrator Primary Providers of Alabama

The Medical Association is trying to assist providers in finding and locating Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). However, it has no indirect or direct business or financial relationship with Mr. Allman or any others in the production or supply chain. The Medical Association makes no representation about, and is not responsible for, the quality of the goods or PPE provided and encourages physicians interested in PPE to discuss these issues when ordering.

Chronic Care Management in the Coronavirus Pandemic



Some large practices outsource chronic care management and share the reimbursement. Whether the practice uses internal staff or outsourced staff, CCM services provide additional care and coordination to the most chronically ill. The patients receiving this service feel more

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connected to their provider and a change in their status is identified quickly. If the practice also has telemedicine, a non-face to face service can quickly become a face to face visit to address concerns. Due to the recent COVID-19 pandemic, these interactions could provide the care needed to protect the chronically ill from being exposed to the deadly virus.

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Medical Association Sponsored Conference Calls Scheduled This Week

The Medical Association is working with some of our strategic partners to provide several updates this week regarding COVID-19 issues. These updates are expected to include the following:

1. Conference Call with <u>Sae Evans, CPA</u> with Warren Averett to discuss available SBA loans for physician practices

Tuesday, April 7th at 7PM Dial in Number: 1-877-271-1828 Passcode: 750761 Download Handouts Here

2. Conference Call with coding expert Kim Huey to discuss Medicare Telehealth coding policy Wednesday, April 8th at 7PM Dial in Number: 1-877-271-1828 Passcode: 750761 Download Handouts Here



COVID-19: AMA's National Physician Townhall



The American Medical Association invites you to a live conversation with AMA President Patrice A. Harris, MD, MA, and a panel of AMA health care experts on challenges and concerns facing physicians during this unprecedented COVID-19 crisis.

As we work together on the front lines and beyond to defeat COVID-19, the AMA wants to hear from you and channel your collective voices into action.

Attendance is limited. Please register immediately and reserve your seat.

If you do not have access to a web-enabled device to attend the webinar, you can **register here** for phone-in only access (listen only, no question submission).

Please tweet your questions in advance to @AmerMedicalAssn and use the hashtag #AMAChat

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