



## Recording of Conference Call with State Health Officer Dr. Scott Harris



Yesterday, the Medical Association hosted a conference call with State Health Officer, Dr. Scott Harris, to discuss the latest COVID-19 updates including Governor Ivey's new "Safer at Home" order and how it affects elective medical procedures. You can listen to a recording of the call below. If you had any questions that could not be answered last night, please email the question(s) to [Mallory Camerio](#) and we will do our best to get them answered for you.

**4.28.2020 Conference Call Recording**

# AMA COVID-19 Actions



Yesterday, the American Medical Association (AMA) wrote to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator Seema Verma regarding the Accelerated and Advance Payment (AAP) Program calling on CMS to strongly urge the agency to quickly reinstate the program after a pause was announced last weekend and to include more flexible terms as well as expanding the program to Medicaid providers. Specifically, CMS should authorize advance payments or retainer payments by state Medicaid programs to provide critically needed funds to Medicaid physicians, clinicians, and other providers and suppliers.

[See the Letter Here](#)

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# COVID-19 QUESTIONS? GET ANSWERS & EARN CME.



As providers, physicians and members of the health care team want to do whatever they can to ensure the health and well-being of their patients. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the practice of medicine is facing challenges in delivering the best care amid government mandates and ever-changing public perceptions of the situation. At the Medical Association of the State of Alabama, we want to help by offering online COVID-19 CME courses (free for members).

Courses include:

- **PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS IN THE COVID-19 ERA**
- **PPE FOR PHYSICIANS: NEW, USED AND REFRESHED**
- **AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE DOCTOR'S SYMPTOMS OF COVID AND THOUGHTS ABOUT THE PANDEMIC**

**Credits**

The Medical Foundation of Alabama designates this enduring material for a maximum of .25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits<sup>®</sup>. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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**[HTTPS://WWW.ALAMEDICAL.ORG/COVID19](https://www.alamedical.org/covid19)**

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## **Second Round of Funding Coming: Do You Have Questions About the Paycheck Protection Program?**



As you have seen by our updates, we are always on the lookout for helpful resources, from all levels of government, that may help you and your practice weather the storm created by COVID-19. This week the Small Business Administration (SBA) and U.S. Treasury Department released a document that provides answers to frequently asked questions about the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), which was established to provide forgivable loans to businesses for keeping employees on the payroll.

**[You can learn more about the Paycheck Protection Program by clicking here.](#)**

Last week, the House of Representatives passed the "Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act," the supplemental COVID-19 bill that passed the Senate earlier this week.

It is likely that some elements of the programs receiving added funds in this legislation will be revised to assure they are better targeted toward facilities and physician practices most in need, so we cannot yet provide details on how the new money will be distributed.

A CARES 2.0/COVID 4.0 bill remains under development for consideration in early May, and will cover a wider range of issues.

**Read a Summary of the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act Here**



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