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Physician Phone Call with ADPH



The Medical Association and Alabama Department of Public Health will be hosting a conference call for physicians regarding the most recent update on COVID-19. Details on how to join the meeting are below.

DATE: Tuesday, June 23

TIME: 7:00 PM

PHONE: (425) 585-6219

PASSCODE: 127-155-594



CME Requirement Modified for COVID-19



The Board of Medical Examiners and the Medical Licensure Commission recognize the difficulty you may have meeting the CME requirement in 2020 due to the public health emergency. Consequently, **all licensees will be exempt from the continuing medical education requirements for the calendar year 2020**, and no audit for 2020 will be conducted. This includes the annual requirement of 25 credits for license renewal, the biennial requirement of 2 credits for ACSC renewal, and the biennial requirement of 4 credits for QACSC renewal.

Please visit albme.org for a full list of regulations and responses to the COVID-19 emergency.

How CMS Undermines Doctor Supervision



A proposed Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services rule regarding use of nonphysicians to perform inpatient rehabilitation services could “set a dangerous precedent for removing physician supervision requirements across all health care settings,” **says a letter to CMS Administrator Seema Verma** from the AMA, American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and more than 120 health care organizations and state and specialty medical associations.

Read more about this proposal by CMS and its potential ramification on Apple News.



Provider Relief Fund Update

Last week, HHS launched an application portal to distribute \$15 billion in Provider Relief Fund payments to eligible Medicaid and CHIP physicians and organizations. The payment will be at least 2% of reported revenue from patient care, and the amount will be determined based on submitted data, including the number of Medicaid patients



served. **Physicians and organizations have until July 20, 2020, to submit their application information.**

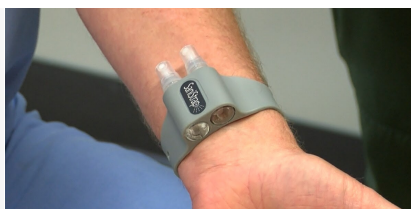
Some FAQs and more details about the fund can be read here.



Hand Sanitizer

The Medical Association has partnered with Blue Ridge Southern Supply, LLC in Georgia to provide a Hand Sanitizer ordering solution.

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Sanistrap

SaniStrap contains wristband, two refillable bottles, and one travel size refill bottle. Sanitizer is NOT included in order - liquid gel sanitizer is recommended.

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Need PPE?

More PPE is now available, including new items like face shields and isolation gowns. And, ordering in bulk means N95 masks are up to 20% off.

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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[®]. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Medical Association of the State of Alabama through the joint providership of the Medical Foundation of Alabama and the Medical Association of the State of Alabama. The Medical Foundation of Alabama is accredited by the Medical Association of the State of Alabama to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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



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