



## New COVID-19 Grant Program for Alabama Physicians

### COVID-19 EXPENSES?

LEARN MORE ABOUT ALABAMA'S  
NEW GRANT PROGRAM



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from 7-8PM**

We are hosting a discussion with State Finance Director, Kelly Butler, who will highlight new opportunities for financial assistance through Governor Ivey's Alabama Health Care and Emergency Response Providers grant program.

Submit questions to [healthcarereliefgrants@gmail.com](mailto:healthcarereliefgrants@gmail.com)

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In response to our advocacy and recommendations, Governor Kay Ivey has allocated \$35 million from Alabama's federal coronavirus relief money to set up the grant program to help physicians, dentists, clinics, ambulance services, and other health care and emergency response providers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. On a first-come-first-serve basis, the state of Alabama will offer cash grants in an amount up to \$15,000 (per practice) for Alabama health care and emergency response providers that meet eligibility requirements.

[Coronavirus Relief Fund Information](#)

[Provider Grant Program Overview and Eligibility](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[COVID-19 Relief Grant Program Website](#)

We will also briefly explore the impact COVID-19 has had on Alabama medical practices, such as the increase in telemedicine and liability concerns for physicians, as shown through our recent survey.

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## Ivey Urged to Extend Mask Order



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The Medical Association supports and has encouraged Governor Kay Ivey to extend the statewide rule requiring face masks in public.

Alabama has seen about 2,500 deaths from COVID-19, which is caused by the new coronavirus, and some 153,000 cases of the illness. Over the past two weeks, the rolling average number of new cases in the state has decreased by 102 a day, a decline of 11.1%.

Ivey and state health officials are weighing their options and will announce a decision this week, the governor's office said.

[Read the story from Alabama Daily News](#)

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## **Medicare Mental Health Access Act Opposition Letter**

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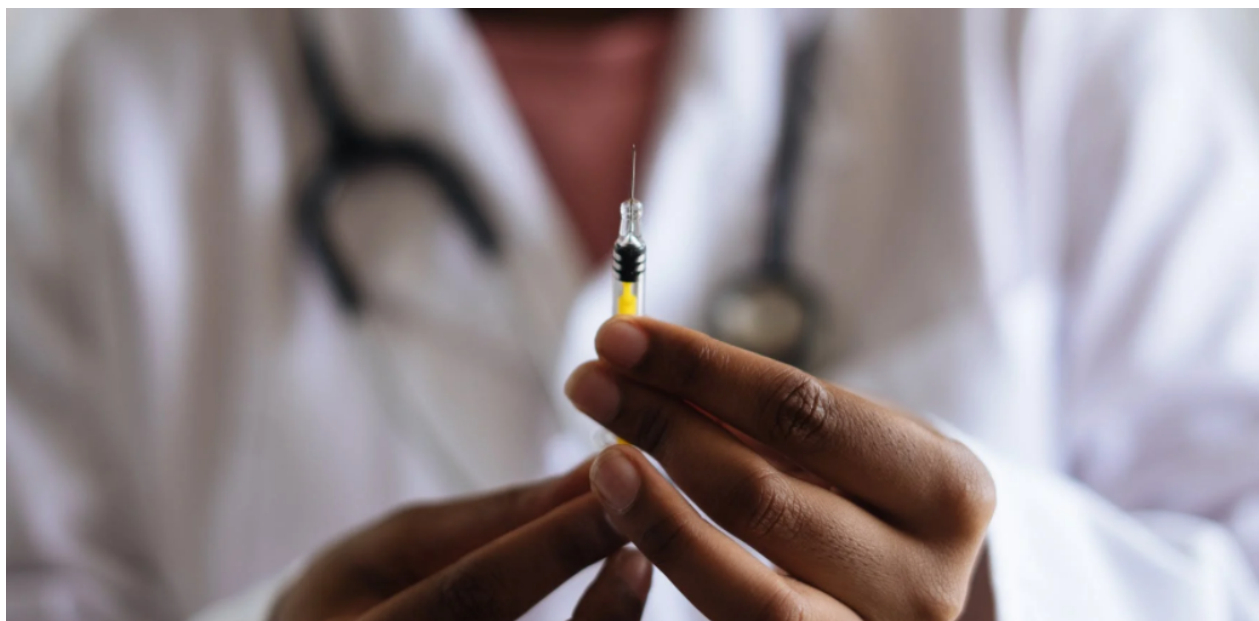
*Medical School Matters*

The Medical Association signed on to a letter opposing the "Medicare Mental Health Access Act," which would change the definition of "physician" under the Medicare program to include clinical psychologists. We have attached the final version of the letter which was sent out to Congress last week. This letter will be a valuable tool in helping to keep patient safety as our top priority by not allowing psychologists to offer services which they are not trained to perform.

[Read the letter here](#)

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## **Upcoming Flu Vaccine Campaign**



With flu season upon us, The Medical Association of the State of Alabama, the Alabama Department of Public Health, and the Alabama Hospital Association have partnered to provide messaging and information on the importance of the flu vaccine.

As we all know, with the ongoing spread of COVID-19, it is more important than ever for individuals to get their flu shots. Last year, less than half of Americans were vaccinated, so we have a large task ahead of us.

We have resources available for you to share with your local community including a joint, statewide news release and social media messaging and graphics.

[Resources available here](#)

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## **Upcoming ACHN Webinar for Primary Care Providers**

A webinar for ACHN providers is scheduled October 14, 2020 from 12-noon until 1:00 p.m. The Alabama Medicaid Agency will discuss changes to MARA Risk Scoring on provider scorecards and provide additional information and reminders for providers. Attendees will have the opportunity to submit questions during the live webinar. The webinar will also be recorded and placed on the ACHN Provider page on the Medicaid website.

**ACHN Provider Profiler Updates: MARA Risk Scoring**

**Wednesday, October 14, 2020**

**Noon – 1 pm**

Meeting number (access code): 133 888 5390

Meeting password: Medicaid1

or

Join by phone: 1-415-655-0001 US Toll

**WebEx Link**

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