



COVID-19 Grant Program Closes Tomorrow



Due in part to the advocacy efforts of our Association, Governor Ivey has awarded \$35 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) funds to establish the Alabama Health Care and Emergency Response Providers grant program. The grants will support providers who have been financially impacted 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 for Alabama health care and emergency response providers that meet eligibility requirements. **The application period for the Alabama Health Care and Emergency Response Provider grant program closes tomorrow at noon.**

[Coronavirus Relief Fund Information](#)
[Provider Grant Program Overview and Eligibility](#)
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For questions, please contact the Coronavirus Relief Funds Office at 334-242-7063 or submissions@finance.alabama.gov (Please include 'Provider Grant Program' in the subject line).

Submit your application

Major Changes to 2021 E/M Coding



Considerable changes are being made to Medicare outpatient evaluation and management (E/M) codes. The transition will take effect on January 1, 2021 and will likely affect physicians across all specialties.

The changes are currently restricted to new and established outpatient visits (CPT codes 99202-99205, 99211-99215) and will impact everyone who assigns codes, manages patient information, or pays claims including physicians, health information managers, coders, payers, health systems, and hospitals.

What can you do to prepare?

- [Watch our E/M Coding Changes for 2021 CME webinars](#) hosted by Dr. Thomas Weida and Kim Huey (Free for Members).

[Click here for more resources](#)

Physicians Insurance Plan of Alabama

Open Enrollement



The Physicians Insurance Plan of Alabama through Blue Cross Blue Shield is available for members of the Medical Association. PIPA provides you, your family, and your staff with strong benefits at affordable premiums as compared to other options. We worked with Blue Cross to keep the rate increase to a minimum. While many groups are experiencing a double digit increase, ours is only a 2% increase. Dental coverage has increased by 4 percent.

Qualified members may sign up for PIPA when full Regular Member dues are paid. PIPA does not require all participants in your office be on the same plan. **Open enrollment for PIPA is Oct. 1 - Nov. 16, 2020 for a Jan. 1, 2021, effective date.** If you are currently enrolled in PIPA, you do not have to reapply. However, if you or your staff wish to make changes to your current plan, please do so no later than Nov. 16, 2020.

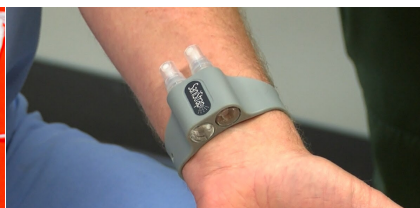
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