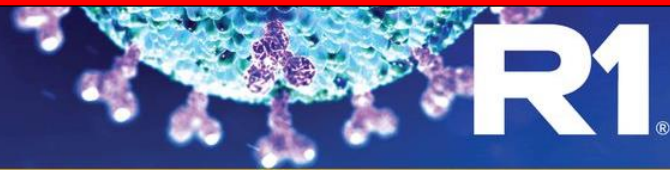


ALERT: On April 26, 2020, CMS [suspended](#) the Advance Payment Program to Medicare Part B suppliers and is reevaluating amounts paid to all pending and new applications under the Accelerated Payment Program.






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Executive Summary

- On March 28, 2020, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) [announced](#) an expansion of the Medicare Accelerated Payment Program (“APP”) to increase healthcare providers and supplier cash flow.
- Intended to provide necessary funds when there is a disruption in claims submission and/or claims processing.
- The APP is an advanced payment option *only* if it is not a subsidy or a grant.
- For providers who have not already received funds through the APP will need to await further CMS guidance.

Eligible Providers & Suppliers	 Critical Access Hospitals	 Inpatient Acute Care Hospitals Children’s Hospitals Cancer Hospitals	 Physicians Advanced Practice Providers
Amount	Up to 125% for a 6-month period	Up to 100% for a 6-month period	Up to 100% for a 3-month period
Repayment Begins	Claim offset begins at day 121	Claim offset begins at day 121	Claim offset begins at day 121
Repayment Due	Up to 1 year to repay the balance	Up to 1 year to repay the balance	210 days to repay the balance

Eligibility

To qualify for the APP, the healthcare provider or supplier must:

1. Have billed Medicare for claims within 180 days immediately prior to the date of the request;
2. Not be in bankruptcy;
3. Not be under active medical review or program integrity investigation; and
4. Not have any outstanding delinquent Medicare overpayments.

Application/Request

Enrolled providers and suppliers may apply through their Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) as instructed on each MAC website. Each MAC will work to review and issue payments within seven calendar days of receiving the request.

Claims Process

Providers and suppliers should submit claims as usual after the issuance of the advance payment and will receive full payments for their claims during the 120-day delay period. At the end of the 120-day period, the recoupment process will begin automatically and every claim submitted will be offset from the new claims to reducing the claim payment amount in order to effectuate repayment.