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Questions and cautions regarding the CARES Act "Paycheck Protection Program"



Forbes

On March 27, 2020, President Trump signed into law the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Securities (CARES) Act, a \$2.3 trillion relief package designed to help individuals and businesses weather the economic damage caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The headliner of the CARES Act was the creation of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), a new loan package designed to put \$350 billion into the hands of small businesses for use in paying employee wages and other critical expenses over the coming weeks and months. As of the morning of April 15, nearly \$250 billion in cash had made its way to over one million small businesses, and Congress had already begun negotiations on a second round of PPP funding.

Small ambiguities in the language of the CARES Act governing the computation of loan proceeds created a great deal of confusion throughout the application process. There are also BIG ambiguities governing the computation of a borrower's debt forgiveness. [READ MORE](#)

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American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery

The American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery (ABOS) recognizes the sacrifices and contributions that orthopaedic surgeons are making in response to the current healthcare crisis that is affecting our nation. The ABOS continues to encourage all orthopaedic surgeons to take care of their patients, their families, and themselves first and foremost. We understand that schedules have been altered and that, for some individuals, current operative schedules may be limited. Others remain busy taking care of emergent cases. [READ MORE](#)

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Cleveland Clinic builds COVID-19 surge hospital



Becker's Hospital Review

Cleveland Clinic has converted a four-story health education building into a surge hospital for COVID-19 patients. The facility, which will be called Hope Hospital, will initially house 327 beds for low-acuity COVID-19 patients who do not need ventilators. The building can accommodate up to 1,000 hospital beds if the health system needs them. The hospital will be fully staffed and equipped to provide IVs and administer oxygen. Patients in need of a higher level of care will be transferred to an intensive care unit. [READ MORE](#)

Our pandemic summer

The Atlantic

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BLOG: Consider this path to use telehealth for physical therapy services

Healio

During the COVID-19 crisis, telehealth visits are safer for medical professionals and patients. However, in a recent interim final rule, CMS said the telehealth statute does not allow physical therapists, occupational therapists and speech language pathologists to "furnish" telehealth services. That is because the law authorizing telehealth services has a list of "professionals" who can provide telehealth. While physician assistants, nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists and a number of other professionals are listed there, physical therapists and occupational therapists are not. The good news is that the statute offers a solution to this problem as long as the telehealth service meets the requirements to be billed "incident to" a physician's services. [READ MORE](#)



California orders insurance premium refunds because of change caused by coronavirus

USA Today

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