



HEALTHCARE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Summary of CARES Act Supplemental Appropriations

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security (CARES) Act was passed by the Senate on 3/25 and by the House of Representatives on 3/27. President Trump is expected to sign the bill into law as soon as it reaches his desk.

Below is a summary of the bill's supplemental appropriations.

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Below is a summary of the Phase III bill's supplemental appropriations.

- The bill provides \$117 billion for hospitals and VA hospitals.
 - \$100 billion would reimburse hospitals for expenses related to preparation, response and treatment of COVID 19. Some of the funding must be used to pay for building or leasing space to serve as temporary medical facilities. This funding is available until it is expended.
 - To request funding, providers must submit an application to HHS that includes a statement justifying the need for the payment. Eligible health care providers must have a valid tax identification number.
 - The VA healthcare system would receive \$14.6 billion to help it prepare for an increased demand in health care services. It also receives \$2.1 billion to compensate for an expected increase in demand for community care – specifically emergency and urgent care.
 - The VA would also receive \$606 million to develop alternative sites for treating COVID-19 cases and to increase capabilities of existing sites. This funding is available until September 30, 2021.
- \$27 billion for an HHS Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund to help acquire medical supplies, develop vaccines and countermeasures and improve telehealth infrastructure, among other things. This funding is available until September 30, 2024.
- \$16 billion is allocated for securing personal protective equipment (PPE) for the Strategic National Stockpile.
- \$11 billion for vaccine development and procurement.
- The NIH would receive \$945.5 million for vaccine and treatment research. Congress has already provided \$1.78 billion to NIH for this purpose.

- FEMA would receive \$45 billion for its Disaster Relief Fund. This funding is available until it is expended.
- The CDC would receive \$4.3 billion for its efforts to combat the coronavirus.
 - This includes \$1.5 billion in State and local Preparedness grants to supplement \$2.5 billion Congress has already allocated for state and local governments.
- The FDA would receive \$80 million.
- \$713.6 million for the Department of Defense operations to respond such as deploying Navy hospital ships for civilian use.
- CMS would receive \$200 million for infection health care facility infection control inspections which is expected to be used to increase nursing home inspections.
- \$1.3 billion for Community Health Centers.