

**Summary Charts**

**of**

**Grants, Loans, and Other Cashflow Options**

**for Health Centers, PCAs, and HCCNs**

**during the Covid-19 Pandemic**

*As of 4/15/2020*

**Important**: This is an evolving document, and will be updated as new information becomes available. The most up-to-date version of this document will always be available on the NACHC COVID-19 webpage and Noddlepod.

# Grant funding provided directly by HHS to Health Centers during the COVID-19 emergency

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| Amount | Estab-lished | Who is eligible? | LALs eligible? | Who distributes? | Date distributed | Allowable Uses | Other |
| $100 million | COVID Supple-mental Approps (signed 3/4) | Health center grantees | No | BPHC/ HRSA | Around 3/27 | Expenses, including personnel, associated with COVID prevention, preparedness & response. Pre-award costs are permitted back to 1/20/2020. Cannot use to pay providers not working on COVID-19. | BPHC formula: base of $50,464, plus $0.50 per patient, plus $2.50 per uninsured patient (data from 2018 UDS). |
| $1.32 billion | CARES Act (third bill – signed 3/27) | Health center grantees | No | BPHC/ HRSA | 4/7 & 4/8 | Substantial flexibility. To "support the detection and/or prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of COVID-19, including maintaining or increasing health center capacity and staffing levels" | BPHC formula: $503K base; $15 per patient; $30 per uninsured patient (using 2018 UDS.) |
| Remaining Section 330 mandatory funds for FY2020 - *not directly related to COVID-19* | CARES Act (third bill) | Health center grantees | No | BPHC/ HRSA | FQHCs whose budget periods start 5/1 & 6/1 will get full 12 months of funding about 15 days in advance; others have received 9 months of funding so far, and will receive final 3 months' worth once HRSA can process NOAs. | All allowable in-scope activities (funds are not directly tied to COVID-19) |  |

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| Portion of $100 Billion for health care providers | CARES Act (third bill) | All providers, including hospitals & for-profits | Yes | HRSA has the lead. United Health distributed the first $30 billion | First $30B distributed on 4/10 based on each providers' 2019 Medicare FFS claims. HHS says future installments will focus on providers who are: heavily-impacted; rural; low Medicare FFS; ***predominantly serve Medicaid populations; and care for uninsured.*** | Per the statute, may be used "for health care related expenses or lost revenue that are attributable to" COVID-19. Additional guidance forthcoming. | [NACHC wrote HHS](https://www.nachc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/NACHC-ltr-to-Sec-Azar-re-100B-FINAL.pdf) on 4/3 re: amount of funds to FQHCs; requested extra 20% for LALs, FQHCs in "hot spots", and those with over 500 employees. Writing 4/14 re: need to prioritize funding to providers serving underserved, uninsured, and Medicaid patients. | See next page, [HHS CARES Provider Relief Fund](https://www.hhs.gov/provider-relief/index.html) and  [HHS Terms & Conditions](https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/relief-fund-payment-terms-and-conditions-04132020.pdf) Note that standard rules for HHS grants apply; also, reporting requirements forthcoming |

# Cashflow Options (beyond HHS grants) open to Health Centers, PCAs and HCCNs with

# less than 500 employees during the Covid-19 Emergency

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|  | What is it? | Who is eligible? | What are the terms? | What to do? | Experience, Suggestions, etc. |
| Paycheck  Protection Loans | Fully-forgivable, Federally-backed loans. For any aspect of employee compensation, as well as mortgage, rent, and utilities. May take out up to 2.5 months of payroll up to $10 million. | Employers with up to 500 employees. | Payments and interest deferred for 6 months to 1 year. After that, 1%. Principal may be fully forgivable with documentation. No fees. | Call your bank or find SBA-approved lenders in your area through SBA’s [Lender Match](https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/lender-match) tool. Call your local [Small Business Development Center](https://www.sba.gov/tools/local-assistance/sbdc/) | Widely considered the best form of support available for those who are eligible. However, application experience varies. Some CHCs received loans quickly; others are still waiting. Generally better to work through a smaller bank that you already have a relationship with. If you are having difficulty finding a lender, ask [CapLink](http://caplink.org/) |
| Federal Tax Credit to cover Emergency  Paid and Family Leave | Employer receives tax credit to cover:  Paid leave: Up to 80 hours of paid sick leave to $511/day. For caregiver leave, 80 hours to $200/day.  Family leave: 10 weeks at $200/day max. To care for a child whose school or care provider is unavailable. | Employers with under 500 employees must offer. Exceptions available for health centers and firms under 50 employees. | Employers receive a refundable tax credit for 100% of the eligible leave costs. Credit applied as refund against employer’s total portion of Social Security taxes for the period. Health centers (but not PCAs/ HCCNs) may deny leave to **all** employees. | [General information on leave programs](https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-employer-paid-leave)  [Questions and answers on leave provisions](https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-questions) |  |

# Cashflow options (beyond HHS grants) open to all Health Centers, PCAs and HCCNs

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| Main Street Loans | Federally-backed loans between $1 million - $25 million with favorable terms. NOT forgivable. | All businesses with less than 10,000 staff | Four years; no principal due or interest incurred for first year; low interest | Applications not yet being accepted. Interested CHCs should review requirements once finalized; gather needed paperwork now. | Many key requirements – e.g., to retain and rehire staff – are still forthcoming. |
| Economic Injury Disaster Loans | Small Business Administration (SBA) loan for up to $2 million, including a $10,000 grant up front. May be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable and other bills that can’t be paid because of the disaster’s impact. | All health centers, PCAs, and HCCNs, regardless of size. | Interest rate of 2.75%, payable over up to 30 years. Can defer initial payments for up to a year. | Apply directly at the SBA. Applicants may [apply online](https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/) or call 1-800-659-2955. | System is overwhelmed. Actual loans being limited to $15,000 per month. Wait times on hold are extremely long. SBA staff may not be well trained that non-profits with over 500 staff are eligible. |
| Federal tax credits for employee retention | Refundable credits of up to $5,000 per quarter for each employee who is not actively “providing services” due to COVID-19. | All employers who can demonstrate financial harm. | Employee must be unable to “provide services” due to COVID-19. Unclear if reassigned employees qualify. | Either deduct credit from tax deposits or request an IRS advance using [Form 7200](https://www.irs.gov/forms-pubs/about-form-7200). |  |

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| Deferral of employer share of FICA | Employers can defer paying the employer share of FICA taxes from now through 12/31/20. | All employers | All deferred FICA taxes must ultimately be repaid – half by 12/31/2021 and half by 12/31/2022. | See [IRS Notice 2020-22](https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-20-22.pdf) |  |
| Advanced Medicare Payments | FQHCs can receive up to 3 months’ worth of Medicare payments in advance, within 7 days of applying. | All health centers | Any excess must be repaid within 4 to 7 months. Interest rates after 7 months can be high. | Contact your MAC | Also called “accelerated payments”. Medicare disbursed over $50 billion in advanced payments by mid-April. |
| Expanded  Unemployment Insurance for Fully and Partly Laid-off Staff | Expanded benefits for laid-off staff, including first week paid, additional $600 per week, and 13 additional weeks if needed. States encouraged to create/ expand programs to staff who have been partly or fully furloughed | All employees and contractors. May be additional state flexibilities. | Details vary significantly by state. CHCs that self-insure for UI will be reimbursed for half their costs; CHCs that pay state UI taxes may not have their taxes increase due to employees receiving COVID-19-related UI. | Contact your state [unemployment office](https://www.careeronestop.org/LocalHelp/UnemploymentBenefits/find-unemployment-benefits.aspx). |  |
| FEMA Public Assistance Grants | 75% reimbursement for “eligible emergency protective measures taken to respond to the COVID-19 emergency at the direction or guidance of public health officials” | All health centers | Federal government will pay 75% of total costs. | Must apply through your state or territorial government. | FEMA does not make Public Assistance grants directly to health centers. See [FEMA Fact Sheet](https://www.fema.gov/news-release/2020/03/19/coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-eligible-emergency-protective-measures) and  [detailed FEMA guide](https://www.fema.gov/media-library-data/1525468328389-4a038bbef9081cd7dfe7538e7751aa9c/PAPPG_3.1_508_FINAL_5-4-2018.pdf) |