

ACRONYM	MEANING
AIIR	Airborne Infection Isolation Room (formerly known as negative pressure isolation room)
ARD	Acute Respiratory Disease
BiPAP	Bilateral Positive Airway Pressure
CARES	Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act <March 27, 2020> *
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
COVID-19	Illness caused by SARS-CoV-2; identified in 2019
CFR	Case Fatality Rate
CPAP	Continuous Positive Airway Pressure
EIDL	Economic Injury Disaster Loan <SBA>
HCP	Health Care Personnel
N95	N = Not resistant to oil, 95 = blocks at least 95 percent of very small (0.3 micron) test particles <mask rating>
NIOSH	National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
PCR	Polymerise Chain Reaction <test for RNA which indicates active viral infection>
PHE	Public Health Emergency
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PPP	Payroll Protection Program
PRF	Provider Relief Fund <CARES Act> *
PUI	Patient Under Investigation
R₀	Reproductive number/Reproductive ratio/R-zero/R-Naught <rate of viral reproduction>
SARS-CoV	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (emerged in 2002)
SARS-CoV-2	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus-2, formerly called "novel coronavirus 2019" or "2019-nCov"
WHO	World Health Organization
* also see Glossary	
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ACCELERATED ADVANCE PAYMENT PROGRAM - An accelerated/advance payment is a payment intended to provide necessary funds when there is a disruption in claims submission and/or claims processing. They can also be offered in circumstances such as national emergencies, or natural disasters in order to accelerate cash flow to the impacted health care providers and suppliers. To qualify for advance/accelerated payments the provider/supplier must: 1. Have billed Medicare for claims within 180 days immediately prior to the date of signature on the provider's/supplier's request form, 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. At the end of a 120-day period, the recoupment process will begin, and every claim submitted by the provider/supplier will be offset from the new claims to repay the accelerated/advanced payment. Thus, instead of receiving payment for newly submitted claims, the provider's/supplier's outstanding accelerated/advance payment balance is reduced by the claim payment amount. This process is automatic.



CONVALESCENT PLASMA - Blood plasma donated by persons recovered from disease such as COVID-19 containing natural antibodies.

CORONAVIRUS - a large family of viruses that also includes SARS and other minor to major respiratory illnesses

CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ACT (CARES) (March 27, 2020) – designed to relieve the economic impacts of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), approves a number of corporate tax changes and provides an estimated \$2.2 trillion of assistance for individuals and businesses, including direct cash payments to most Americans and multi-billion dollar loans for certain businesses.

CORONAVIRUS PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT - March 6, 2020. This law provides \$8.3 billion in emergency funding for federal agencies to respond to the coronavirus outbreak.



ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOAN - (EIDL) - In response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, small business owners, defined as businesses with 500 or fewer employees, are eligible to apply for a loan, including an advance of up to \$10,000. This advance will provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue. This loan advance will not have to be repaid. SUBJECT TO SUFFICIENT APPROPRIATIONS.



FAMILIES FIRST CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE ACT (March 18, 2020) - provides emergency paid sick and family leave, tax credits and free COVID-19 testing (where available); expands food assistance and unemployment benefits; and increases Medicaid funding.

FOMITE - Any inanimate object that when contaminated with or exposed to infectious agents can transfer disease to a new host.

FURLOUGH - Temporary suspension without pay. Furloughed employees typically retain their benefits.



PAYROLL PROTECTION PROGRAM (PPP) - a SBA loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll. SBA will forgive loans if all employees are kept on the payroll for eight weeks and the money is used for payroll, rent, mortgage interest, or utilities. SUBJECT TO SUFFICIENT APPROPRIATIONS.

PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM AND HEALTH CARE ENHANCEMENT ACT (April 23, 2020) - bill includes an additional \$310 billion for the PPP, \$75 billion in emergency funding for healthcare providers and \$25 billion for increasing testing capacity.

PROVIDER RELIEF FUND - CARES Act relief funds to hospitals and other healthcare providers on the front lines of the coronavirus response. This funding will be used to support healthcare-related expenses or lost revenue attributable to COVID-19 and to ensure uninsured Americans can get testing and treatment for COVID-19. (Not the same as the Accelerated and Advance Payment Program).



SECTION 1135 - Social Security Act clause allowing for waiver of Medicare/Medicaid requirements in emergency situations