



Question & Answer Session on Tracking COVID-19 Expenses



Date: Thursday, April 2, 2020

Time: 11:30 a.m. CST to 12:00 p.m. CST (10:30 a.m. MST)

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South Dakota Hospitals are tracking COVID-19 expenses. So, SDAHO & Eide Bailly are hosting a Question & Answering Session on appropriate documentation. ER costs, training, excessive cleaning costs, technical assistance, medical waste disposal are examples of eligible costs, assuming they are adequately tracked and sufficiently documented. Hospitals are reporting they are electronically assigning staff time and wages, supplies and equipment purchases used to treat patients. Organizations such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will verify timecard information, hourly rates, and payroll information, so lack of documentation **NOW** may cost your facility.

Background: FEMA announced that it will nationally extend the deadline for individuals and organizations to make a request for public assistance funding. FEMA said the opportunity to apply for public assistance funding will remain open for the duration of the Public Health Emergency as declared by the Health and Human Services Secretary, unless an earlier deadline is deemed appropriate by FEMA.

Hospitals that wish to apply for these funds will be well-served to ensure that those COVID related expenses are appropriately documented per FEMA standards.

In addition, FEMA has posted new fact sheets with additional information.

- Use of Defense Production Act Authorities to Support the Pandemic Response
- Procurement Under Grants: Under Exigent or Emergency Circumstances
- · Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Eligible Emergency Protective Measures



