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'Today with Macrae' call, highlights from Friday, April 24, 2020

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- Slides available at
https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/USHHSRSA/2020/04/24/file_attachments/1435585/Today%20With%20Macrae042420_slides.pdf
- **Open Funding Opportunity:** Capital Assistance for Disaster Response and Recovery Efforts (CADRE) EHBs: **May 6**; Cannot extend deadline. Will likely spread money among remaining applicants if don't have enough applicants.
- **COVID-19 Funding**
H8C: \$100 million to 1,381 health centers. Progress reports due yesterday, **96 percent** reported. If among **4 percent** who didn't report, be sure to get extension from your project officer.
H8D: \$1.32 billion to 1,387 health center. CARES funding. One additional technical assistance call on Monday, **April 27**. What can you do, what you can't do. Applications due May 8.
- **CHCs have been incredibly creative re temporary sites.** HRSA clarified policy on temporary sites. **PAL 2020-05** on the BPHC Scope of Project webpage. Project officer may contact you with questions to make sure you are following rules. <https://bphc.hrsa.gov/programrequirements/scope.html>
- BPHC will postpone all site visits planned through **July 31, 2020**.
- Will be adding codes related to COVID in UDS.
- **1,032** test centers responded to survey through **April 17**, down a little bit from previous week; **1,900** sites have closed; **700** staff positive; **14 percent** of staff not able to work; **53 percent** virtual site visits
- **Provider relief fund in CARES act additional information posted today.**
<https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/index.html>

Of the \$100 million ... \$50 billion in general fund: initial **\$30 billion** based on Medicare fee for service reimbursements but remaining **\$20 billion** based on proportionate share of 2018 patient revenue, which should benefit CHCs more than the initial disbursement. Additional money for treatment of uninsured, sign up for this money begins **April 27**, submit claims on **May 6**, claims can go back to Feb. 4. **\$10 billion** for hospitals in high COVID-19 areas. **\$10 billion** for rural hospitals and rural health clinics. Could be additional money for special pops like nursing homes.

- In latest relief plan passed this week Another **\$100 billion** for healthcare. This includes **\$25 billion** for testing and **\$75 million** for healthcare providers. Testing includes **\$600 million** for health centers and FQHC lookalikes.

Upcoming:

- CARES Supplemental Funding for Health Centers Q&A Session, Monday, **April 27**, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET
- Today with Macrae: Health Center Program Updates, Monday, **May 4**, 2-3 p.m. ET
- 2020 UDS Reporting Changes Webinar, Thursday, **May 7**, 1-2:30 p.m. ET
- Today with Macrae: Health Center Program Updates, Tuesday, **May 19**, 2-3 p.m. ET