

## COVID-19 updates April 15, 2020 Weekly Notifications

As many health centers around the United States are facing many challenges due to Corona virus, our 340B Programs are vital in facilitating operations.

### **Funding:**

Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2020 release \$100 million in funds to be used on Covid-19 prevention, preparedness, and response.

CARES ACT releasing more than \$1.3 billion in funds to be used for the detection, prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of Covid-19 including maintenance or increasing health centers staffing levels.

FCC Covid -19 Telehealth Program providing \$200 million to health care providers to fully fund their telecommunication services, information services, and devices necessary to provide care services. <https://www.fcc.gov/covid-19-telehealth-program>

### **Temporary Sites**

Health centers are having to utilize these sites as they are faced with having to quarantine many areas and to help continue to provide safety to both patients and healthcare workers. HRSA has specific guidelines and will require some sites, such as tents, modular units, portable clinic sites, and home visits to be registered in order to be 340B compliance within 15 days of initiating these services.

### **Telemedicine:**

Telemedicine has been a necessary means to reach both health center and non-health center patients. Providers and patients are able to respectively give and receive services from the safety of their homes. HRSA's guidelines require 340B Programs that are utilizing these services to include telemedicine within their policies and procedures and address key documentation such as evaluation, treatment, referrals, etc.

### **Compliance**

HRSA is continually strict with their guidelines on 340B compliance by only providing 340B drug to eligible patients, requiring even temporary physicians assisting to have a contract in place where care falls on the entity, and requiring documentation of services provided.

RPh Innovations is happy to help in any way we can. Please contact us if there are any further questions.

Stay safe and healthy!