

Dear ENT Advocacy Network Member:

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with a Medicare Provider Number are eligible for these funds. This \$20 billion fund distribution is based on 2018 net patient revenue, rather than a portion Medicare fee-for-service payments.

The HHS portal opened on April 25

Conditions or return the funds. Under the new deadline extension, providers who have not returned payments within 45 days o

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AAO-HNS Advocates for Physician Relief in COVID-19 Relief Legislation

Throughout the month of April, the Academy has been working with our Congressional champions, advocating for inclusion of meaningful physician relief in each of the COVID-19 federal legislative relief packages. On April 13, the AAO-HNS joined with 22 other members of the Surgical Coalition to [send a letter to House and Senate leadership](#), requesting that numerous provisions which would workforce be enrolled in the next relief bill. The joint letter specifically urged Congress to include relief from scheduled Medicare physician payment cuts, medical liability protections, supply chain support for life-saving protective equipment, student loan relief for physicians, among other priorities.

April Edition of the State-mENT Now Available

Read the latest edition of [The State-mENT](#) - current state legislative activity. The AAO-HNS works closely with its volunteer physician State Trackers and state otolaryngology societies to advocate for the specialty at the state level. If you would like to become a State Tracker and take part in the discussion, please email LegState@entnet.org!

Check Out AAO-HNS's Resources on COVID-19

Ask Congress to Support Otolaryngologists in Fourth Relief Package

The AAO-HNS needs your help! As Congress works to draft new COVID-19 stimulus legislation, we want to ensure this legislation includes much needed relief for otolaryngologist-head and neck surgeons and the patients you serve. Your Representatives and Senators need to hear from you about the impact of COVID-19 on our specialty. [Please click here](#) to access the action alert on the AAO-HNS Advocacy website. The alert includes a sample letter you can use to make your voice heard!

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The [Coronavirus Disease 2019: Resources](#) page on the AAO-HNS website is a comprehensive list of resources for members on COVID-19 issues impacting the specialty. Here you will find podcasts on COVID-19-related topics, research and Academy Statements on anosmia as a COVID-19 symptom, Position Statements, federal and state financial assistance links, telemedicine updates, journal articles, and resources from other specialties. Please check this website regularly for the latest updates and information on coronavirus from the Academy.

Sincerely,

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