



## **Alert:** SBA Lenders Now Accepting Applications For The CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program: Physician Offices May Qualify For Forgivable Loans. Funding Is Limited

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Small businesses, including physician practices, can apply for the CARES Act Paycheck Protection Program.

Under this program, many physician practices may be eligible for forgivable loans. The funding for this program is limited, so please inquire with a qualified lender soon if you are interested. [Learn more right away from the SBA's website.](#)

A high-level overview of the program and links to additional resources are provided below. Since certain aspects of the guidance related to this program may be subject to further clarification or revision, please contact a qualified lender or the SBA for the latest comprehensive information.

### **What is the Paycheck Protection Program?**

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) authorizes funds for forgivable loans to small businesses to pay their employees

during the COVID-19 crisis. All loan terms will be the same for everyone. In order to be eligible for forgiveness:

- The loan proceeds are used to cover payroll costs and most mortgage interest, rent, and utility costs over the 8-week period after the loan is made; and
- Employee and compensation levels are maintained. Payroll costs are capped at \$100,000 on an annualized basis for each employee.

Due to likely high subscription, it is anticipated that not more than 25 percent of the forgiven amount may be for non-payroll costs.

### **How large can my loan be?**

Loans can be for up to 2.5 times your average monthly payroll costs from the last year. That amount is subject to a \$10 million cap. If you are a seasonal or new business, you will use different applicable time periods for your calculation. Payroll costs will be capped at \$100,000 annualized for each employee.



### Who can apply?

Businesses – including nonprofits, veterans organizations, sole proprietorships, self-employed individuals, and independent contractors – with 500 or fewer employees may be eligible. Businesses in certain industries can have more than 500 employees if they meet applicable SBA employee-based size standards for those industries. [Additional details are available from the SBA.](#)

### Where can I learn more and apply?

You can apply through any existing SBA lender or through any federally insured depository institution, federally insured credit union, and Farm Credit System institution that is participating. Other regulated lenders will be available to make these loans once they are approved and enrolled in the program. You should consult with your local lender about whether it is participating. [Visit the SBA website](#) for more information.

### What about other provisions of the CARES Act that may affect me?

[A summary of the CARES Act](#) is available on the FMA website.

### Where can I find more information and resources related to COVID-19?

Please visit the [FMA's Coronavirus Resource Center](#)

We have resources and articles related to telehealth, Medicare policy updates, the CARES Act, a payer policy changes, legal updates on executive orders and state-issued guidance, and more.

Our resources also include [additional information on federal financial relief](#) for physicians compiled by our general counsel's office.