



MEMO

To: Local Public Health Administrators

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Re: Program Element 01-05 COVID-19 Case Rate Reimbursement

Background

Due to the COVID-19 case numbers experienced across Oregon through the summer, OHA has completely expended the full \$17M Fee For Service case reimbursement budget on invoices received to date. Thus far, OHA has received Fee For Service invoices for \$18,441,389. Additional invoices are still anticipated from LPHAs through October 15, 2020 covering the period of 3/27/2020 through 9/30/2020.

Recommendation

At the October 2 Local Public Health Administrators meeting, administrators discussed preferring to utilize all remaining Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF) for local public health response the following way:

- Reallocate projected unspent PE 01-05 base funds to Fee For Service reimbursement.
- Reallocate projected unspent PE 01-06 base funds to Fee For Service reimbursement.

In addition, OHA recommends that only invoices received by October 15, 2020 for cases during the period of 3/27/2020 through 8/31/2020 be reimbursed (~\$15.8 million) since there are not enough funds to pay all invoices for cases through 9/31/2020. The remaining balance and any additional funds for Fee For Service reimbursement would be used once CLHO prioritizes how invoices from 9/1/2020 through 12/30/2020 will be handled.

Process

In order to shift projected unspent funds from PE 01-05 and 01-06 base to PE 01-05 Fee For Service, the following steps will need to be taken:

1. LPHAs will provide their updated *projected* expenses for PE 01-05 and 01-06 base through December 30, 2020 to OHA by October 31, 2020.
2. OHA will amend the LPHA agreements for PE 01-05 in November 2020, removing the projected unspent base.
3. LPHAs will submit their final Fee For Service case rate reimbursement forms for non-invoiced cases through December 30, 2020 by January 5, 2021.
4. As funds are available, OHA will pay Fee For Service invoices received by January 5, 2021 for cases for the period September 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020.

Please note that CLHO will need to provide additional direction on how to prioritize payment of outstanding Fee For Service invoices based on the number received and total available budget. Some possible considerations are:

- Whether or not an LPHA has received any Fee For Service reimbursement previously
- Reduced reimbursement rate
- Dividing the remaining Fee For Service reimbursement balance across all invoice cases for 9/1/2020-12/30/2020
- Use current rate until funding is expended and then no more reimbursement will occur.

Other funding for COVID-19 response

The following funds remain available for local public health authorities for COVID-19 outside of the PE 01-05 Fee For Service case reimbursement:

- PE 01-04, must be spent by 12/30/2020
- PE 12-02, must be spent by 3/15/2021
- PE 51, must be spent by 6/30/2021