

UPDATE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)



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Dear Members,

On [June 20th](#) and [22nd](#), Mass-ALA shared information regarding the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Provider Fund Medicaid Distribution, highlighting the availability of those funds for assisted living residences that offer the GAFC Program. Time is of the essence in applying for these funds as the deadline to do so is July 20th. Argentum has informed us that a federal Health and Human Services official told them verbally that applying for these funds would not preclude eligibility for private pay relief that might become available in the future. While discussions continue on other potential federal relief for providers, there is currently no guarantee that there will be distributions made under private pay relief. The state advised that providers should apply for the GAFC funding if they meet the eligibility requirements which can be found [here](#), at the links to the actual documents, which also includes links to additional key documents to aid in the application process.

Also, Mass-ALA would like to remind GAFC providers of the July 30th deadline for submission of complete filings for FY 2018 and FY 2019 GAFC Cost Reports. Templates and instructions for submitting these reports are available through the Center for Health Information and Analysis website, which is listed [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact us at Mass-ALA@mass-ala.org

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