MONROE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS



BENEFITS, PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES FOR ALL STAKEHOLDERS

Per the CARES Act and Families First Act
(April 6, 2020)

Important Information for All Stakeholders Impacted by the COVID-19 crisis

✓ Cash Payments to Americans- Recovery Rebates for Individuals

- All individuals with a Social Security Number will receive rebates worth up to \$1,200 for individuals (\$2,400 for couples) and \$500 per child under 17.
- Rebates phase out above \$75,000 for single filers, \$112,500 for heads of household, and \$150,000 for married couples filing joint returns.

✓ Unemployment Compensation/Insurance. Bolstering Unemployment Compensation

- New program benefits include an additional \$600 per week and expanded eligibility for self-employed, independent contractors, 1099s, and part-time workers.
- Here is the link to Florida's Unemployment Assistance Program: https://www.floridajobsresources.com/

✓ Non-Cash Assistance/ Relief for Individuals

- Creating Coronavirus-Related Distributions and Loans from 401(k) Plans and other Defined Contribution Retirement Plans
- Waiving the 10% Additional Tax on Early Distributions from IRAs, 401(k) Plans and other Defined Contribution Retirement Plans
- Waiving of Required Minimum Distributions from IRAs, 401(k) Plans and other Defined Contribution Plans
- Deferring Contributions for Single Employer Pension Plans

✓ Small Business Relief (These programs are also available for non-for-profits and soleproprietorships.)

- Payroll Protection Program
- Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) and Emergency Advances
- Providing Loan Relief for Businesses with Existing SBA Loans
- Employee retention tax credit, including advance payments
- Here is the link for Florida's website to help access these programs: https://www.floridajobsresources.com/

✓ Relief for Upcoming Mortgage, Rent, and Utility Payments

- Providing Help to Low Income Households
 - For homeowners
 - For renters

√ Higher Education

- Providing Student Loan Relief
- Issuing Work-Study payments to students
- Increasing Student Loan Exclusions and Flexibility

✓ Emergency Leave

- Mandating Employer-Paid Leave for Workers Affected by the Coronavirus
- Providing Tax credits for Employers

✓ Relief for Larger Businesses

- Providing Loans, Loan Guarantees, and other Investments through the Treasury
- Stabilization Fund
- Keeping Airline Workers Paid

✓ Aid to States and Municipalities

- Creating New Funding for State Responses to COVID-19 (State Stabilization Fund)
- Aid and flexibility to States for Unemployment Assistance

✓ Disaster Relief

- Disaster Relief Fund
- Fire Grants
- Emergency Preparedness Grants
- Emergency Food and Shelter

✓ Health and Hospitals (including Medicare, Medicaid, and Coverage Policies)

- Free COVID-19 Testing
- Speedier Access to Free Vaccines in Private Insurance
- Eliminating Medicare Part B Cost-Sharing for the COVID-19 Vaccine
- Allowing Up to 3-Month Fills and Refills of Covered Medicare Part D Drugs
- Over-the-Counter Medicines and Menstrual Products Purchased through
- HSAs/Health FSAs/HRAs
- Health Savings Accounts for Telehealth Services
- More money for Community Health Centers
- Reauthorization of Title VII of the Public Health Service Act
- Expanding Medicare Telehealth Flexibilities

- Allowing Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Clinics
- (RHCs) to Furnish Telehealth in Medicare
- Expanding Medicare Telehealth for Home Dialysis Patients
- Allowing for the Use of Telehealth during the Hospice Care Recertification Process in Medicare
- Encouraging the Use of Telecommunications Systems for Home Health Services in Medicare
- Enabling Physician Assistants and Nurse Practitioners to Order Medicare Home Health Services
- Increasing Provider Funding through Immediate Medicare Sequester Relief
- Medicare Add-on for Inpatient Hospital COVID-19 Patients
- Increasing Medicare Access to Post-Acute Care
- Preventing Medicare Durable Medical Equipment Payment Reduction
- Providing Home and Community-based Support Services during Hospital Stays
- Preventing Medicare Clinical Diagnostic Laboratory Test Payment Reductions
- Providing Hospitals Medicare Advance Payments
- Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Telehealth
- Clarification of the Strategic National Stockpile

✓ Important Extensions of Current Programs

- Medicare Extenders
 - Extending Physician Work Geographic Index Floor
 - Extending Funding for Quality Measure Endorsement and Selection
 - Extending Funding Outreach and Assistance for Low-Income Programs
- Medicaid Extenders
 - Extending Money Follows the Person Demonstration Program
 - Extending of Spousal Impoverishment Protections
 - Delaying Disproportionate Share Hospital Reductions
 - Extending and Expansion of Community Mental Health Services
- Human Services Extenders
 - Extending of Demonstration Projects to Address Health Professions
 - Workforce Needs
 - Extending Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)

✓ Additional Funding for Individuals, Businesses, States and Localities

√ Funding Boosts to Federal Programs

- Agriculture/Nutrition/FDA
- Commerce

- Fishermen
- Manufacturing Extension Partnerships (MEP)
- Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- Courts, Prisons, and Law Enforcement
 - Federal Courts
 - Defender Services
 - Bureau of Prison
 - State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance
- Department of Veterans Affairs Operations
- Elections
- Education and Arts
 - Institute of Museum and Library Services
 - Grants for Emergency Support to Schools
 - Student Aid Administration
 - Grants for the Arts
 - Grants for the Humanities
 - Health and Human Services
 - Health Care Resources
 - Child Care
 - Head Start
 - Housing
 - Housing Providers
 - Community Development Block Grant
 - Homeless Assistance Grants
 - Labor
 - Administrative Funding from the Department of Labor (DOL)
 - Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)
 - Transportation
 - Essential Air Service (EAS)
 - Transit Systems
 - Assistance for Airports
 - USDA
 - ReConnect Loan and Grant Program
 - Distance Learning, Telemedicine and Broadband Program
 - The Emergency Food Assistance Program
 - Child Welfare and Nutrition