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COVID-19 Accelerated and Advance Payments: Updated FAQs

[CMS updated FAQs](#) about repayment of COVID-19 accelerated and advance payments. If you got these payments, learn more about how recoupment works and how it affects your Medicare claims payment amounts.

More Information:

- [COVID-19 Accelerated and Advance Payments](#) webpage
- [Repayment of COVID-19 Accelerated and Advance Payments Began on March 30, 2021](#) MLN Matters Article

COVID-19 Snapshot: Impact on the Medicare Population

CMS released a [snapshot of the impact of COVID-19](#) on the Medicare population from January 1, 2020 - April 24, 2021. The updated data shows over 4.3 million COVID-19 cases and over 1.2 million COVID-19 hospitalizations.

Compliance

Hospice Aide Services: Enhancing RN Supervision

An Office of Inspector General (OIG) [report](#) found that Registered Nurses (RNs) didn't always:

- Visit hospice patients' homes at least once every 14 days to assess the quality of care and services provided by hospice aides
- Document these visits as required

Review the [Enhancing RN Supervision of Hospice Aide Services](#) fact sheet to learn about roles and documentation.

More Information:

- [Hospice Conditions of Participation Final Rule](#)
- [Medicare Fee-for-Service Response to the Public Health Emergency on COVID-19](#) MLN Matters Article
- [State Operations Manual Appendix M – Guidance to Surveyors: Hospice](#)

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[Learn about changes to payment policy.](#)

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[Read about 3 additional codes we exclude from SNF CB.](#)

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