

**NAACOS Alert: Paycheck Protection Program Loan Applications Now Being Accepted**  
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On March 27, President Trump signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act into law to provide relief to the healthcare industry and others as they cope with the COVID-19 pandemic. Among other things, the [CARES Act](#) seeks to provide funding to small businesses to assist during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes a Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), providing [forgivable](#) loans to qualifying small businesses under 500 employees of up to \$10 million. We believe many of the physician led ACOs and some medical groups that are part of hospital based ACOs will be eligible for these loans, they could provide up to 8 weeks of payroll, rent and other expenses. These loan applications are now being accepted through U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) approved lenders, and lenders may begin processing loan applications as soon as today, April 3. It appears that the lending banks will be requiring a previous business relationship to make the loan and some banks may not be lending as of this writing. It is advised that interested organizations contact their bank early, as the demand for the loans will be significant. The SBA's loan guidance and resources are available [here](#).

Additionally, the SBA has made available the Economic Injury Disaster Loan Assistance (EIDL) program for small business owners providing up to \$2 million to qualifying applicants. These loans are not forgivable but have attractive interest rates and terms. The EIDL application is also open and can be accessed [here](#). Businesses are not eligible to receive both loans. NAACOS' business partner Polsinelli PC has developed a [SBA Disaster Loans Guide](#) with detailed information, including loan program terms, eligibility requirements, application instructions and processes. Please note that this resource is up to date as of April 3, but government guidance regarding this and other stimulus programs is subject to change. NAACOS' COVID-19 & ACOs [page](#) has additional information about government assistance available to providers, including federal payor reimbursement changes due to federal legislation and regulation.