

Hospitals are protecting Mainers— Now, they need lawmakers' help

When COVID-19 hit, hospitals sprang into action to prepare for one of the deadliest pandemics in the past 100 years:

- Converting physical space,
- Suspending many procedures and services,
- Purchasing PPE,
- Hiring additional staff,
- And more.

This response was unprecedented, and it came at a high cost.

Ongoing COVID-19 expenditures

ED visits down

50%*

Operating room volume down

60%*



Operating margins down since March

11%

Expenses per discharge up



12%*

Maine hospitals' short-term losses are approximately:

**\$600
million**

But Maine hospitals have received only:

**\$365
million**

*Based on national data from Feb.–March 2020 and Maine case study extrapolation

The Bottom Line

All sectors are hurting, but healthcare delivery is on the ropes. Hospitals are facing not only a financial crisis, but also a public health crisis. As we work toward the safe reopening of our economy, we must first secure hospitals' ability to serve, so that we have the safety net needed to rebuild. Without aid, this financial crisis will force hospitals to make hard decisions about how to continue to provide care to their communities.

Hospitals care for everyone. Now lawmakers must care for hospitals.

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COVID-19 Pandemic Federal Legislation and Funding

Bill Name	Shorthand	Date	General Description	Total \$	\$ for healthcare providers	\$ distributed to Maine hospitals
Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act		March 6	Provides emergency funding for federal agencies to respond to the coronavirus outbreak.	\$8.3 billion	\$50 million	
Families First Coronavirus Response Act	Families First or Coronavirus supplemental 2.0	March 18	Provides paid sick leave, tax credits, and free COVID-19 testing; expands food assistance and unemployment benefits; and increases Medicaid funding.	\$3.5 billion		
Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act	CARES Act or Coronavirus supplemental 3.0	March 28	Provides economic relief, including \$100 billion for the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund (PHSSEF) for healthcare providers.	\$2.2 trillion	\$100 billion	\$92 million (April 10) \$27 million (April 24) \$119 million Rural money (May 1)
Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) and Health Care Enhancement Act • PPP Loans • "Hot Spot" • Safety Net	Coronavirus supplemental 3.5 or PPP	April 24	Package includes funding for the PHSSEF for healthcare providers and testing improvements.	\$484 billion	\$75 billion	\$22 million \$9 million \$20 million
Other programs: • ASPR • SHIP • Sequestration • Safety Net Hospitals					\$10 billion	\$1.5 million \$1.5 million \$21.2 million \$53 million



Losses Still Growing

Although hospitals are getting back to normal, there is an ongoing drop in volume.

40%

of Americans report they continue to postpone medical services: U.S. Census Bureau, August 2020.

As such, hospital losses, while not as steep as before, continue to grow beyond the \$600 million we've calculated to date.

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