

## Are Your COVID-19 Response Costs Reimbursable?

The COVID-19 Emergency Declaration can help healthcare providers with the costs of preparation and response.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency is helping healthcare systems meet the mounting costs of response and prevention measures in the fight against COVID-19. Costs can potentially be reimbursed through FEMA's Public Assistance Program.

The declaration of a national emergency on March 13, 2020, unlocked funding for states, local governments, and certain non-profit organizations, including hospitals. Emergency protective measures directed by – or following the guidance of – public health officials may be eligible for reimbursement, in accordance with section 502 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act").

### What Costs Are Eligible?

Expenses of emergency protective measures taken to respond to COVID-19 may be reimbursed under Category B of FEMA's Public Assistance Program<sup>1</sup>, including, but not limited to:

- Disinfection of eligible facilities
- Costs of PPE associated with COVID-19 response
- Non-deferrable medical treatment of infected persons in a shelter or temporary medical facility
- Measures taken to protect patients and staff
- Labor and supply costs for mass care operations and tests
- Temporary medical facilities or enhanced capacity (when existing facilities or hospital space cannot accommodate patient load or properly quarantine the potentially infected)
- Use of specialized medical equipment
- Medical waste disposal
- Emergency medical transport
- Costs of contractors performing emergency protective work
- Costs associated with isolation of employees exposed to COVID-19 during patient care
- Costs not normally incurred during regular operations
- Surge related equipment



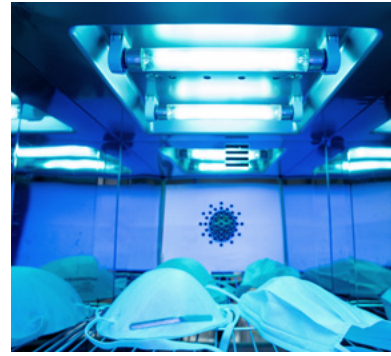
<sup>1</sup> Refer to the FEMA Public Policy Program and Policy Guide for full details regarding eligibility. <https://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/111781>

## ABM Provides Customized Facility Solutions for Emergency Protective Measures

Due to the limited bandwidth available for facility issues and the complexity of federal disaster reimbursement guidelines, healthcare entities are encouraged to contract with experienced vendors ready to provide facility support, oversight, and advocacy for facility needs in accordance with FEMA's reimbursement process.

Vendor costs are eligible for reimbursement, and as your solution provider, ABM can connect you with experts in the reimbursement application process. As your facilities continue to take emergency protective measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we advise tracking and capturing all disaster-related charges. Even if your facility never encounters a COVID-19 patient, the costs incurred to prepare may be eligible for reimbursement.

**For more information, contact your local ABM team or call 866.624.1520.**



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