

## Healthcare and Hospital Applicant Briefing- 12/02/20

Participant	Question	Response
Diane Newark	We have more than 100 sites -- some are owned, some have mortgages, and some have leases. For the properties that are owned, I think we can provide copies of deeds. Are mortgage statements sufficient documentation for the properties with mortgages?	Submit the available proof of ownership documentation for the facilities and additional facilities can be included after FEMA approves the Request for Public Assistance (RPA).
Diane Newark	Hi, my organization operates 85 group homes for adults with disabilities. Pre-covid, many of them went to a day hab program so we didn't have staff at the group homes. With Covid, the day hab is operating at 50%, so we have many clients who are at the group home during the day. We must staff the group homes but we aren't getting reimbursed for this staff cost. Can we get reimbursed for this added staff cost?13:29	Unfortunately, even if the staff are reassigned or working additional shifts, they must perform covid-19 emergency response activities for these labor expenses to be eligible for FEMA Public Assistance.
	These are not new staff, and they aren't new positions, it is existing staff who used to work at nights or weekends and are now working during the day.	Please see above
Kelly Glostere	Is the deadline still 12/31/20	FEMA has not established a deadline for the period of performance or period to incur eligible expenses. FEMA will provide a 30 day notification once they establish this date. Please note that MEMA established a cutoff of 12/31/20 to include estimated costs.
Paul Osborne	if you are only claiming PPE and OT labor costs on a unit but you have to back out all insurance payments for the patients that makes no sense.	FEMA Public Assistance is not intended as supplemental funding and only reimburses expenses that are not covered by another funding source. Please be mindful of insurance proceeds and avoid any duplication of benefits.
MRPG	If a medical practice is not treating covid patients but is using additional PPE, plexi-barriers, add'l staff to screen patients, etc to ensure the safety of patients coming for appointments, would those be considered eligible expenses?	Unfortunately, no. The medical practice must serve suspected COVID-19 patients.
Christine Crocker	When we submit the MEMA workbook does it need to be equal the total project? Or is this a reimbursement form for what we have spent so far?	The MEMA workbook must reflect the claimed total cost in the FEMA project application. The workbook serves to itemize the amounts entered in the application.
Donna Casey	We have stood up testing sites and other projects to protect the workforce, are those considered eligible expenses? Additionally, we are experiencing significant staff costs to cover staff who have been exposed or tested positive - are these eligible costs	Community Based Testing is only the legal responsibility of state local governments. Hospitals are not eligible to submit Community Based Testing costs directly to FEMA, but must enter into an agreement with a municipality. The municipality will then submit these expenses in a FEMA project application.
Karen Hart	if testing is offered to all employees (if they want to be tested) - is it covered?	The leave pay for an employee who contracts Covid-19 is ineligible. But, OT costs associated with backfilling a position to perform an eligible covid-19 emergency response activity is eligible for FEMA Public Assistance.
		Routine testing for employees is not eligible for FEMA Public Assistance.
Karen Hart	will FEMA cover the "screeners" for patients/visitors coming into the hospital after 9/15?	Temperature scanning is eligible in facilities where eligible emergency work is performed. Please submit narratives with the application that support these costs (i.e. reference CDC guidelines, include percentage of patients with Covid-19).