*FEMA Policy FP 104-010-04\* provided 5/9/2020 provides further clarification related to medical costs and clinical care activities.*

**Eligible Work includes:**

* **Disinfection of eligible public facilities** (above and beyond a usual cleaning routine; also, an increased cleaning/disinfection process that is specifically done to prevent harm to health and life in response to COVID-19)
* **Technical assistance and trainings** about responding to COVID-19 regarding emergency management and control of immediate threats to public health and safety
* **Emergency medical care,** including non‐deferrable medical treatment of infected persons; **temporary medical facilities**, related medical **facility services and supplies**
* **Temporary facility construction and facility removal and clean-up** after threat is over
* **Expanded and/or enhanced medical and hospital capacity**
* Permanent renovations, as with equipment and supplies purchases using federal funds, are subject to disposition requirements
* Costs related to expanding primary care facilities must be deemed reasonable and cost-effective
* **Clinical care of patients\***, including:
* Emergency medical transport related to COVID-19;
* Triage and medically necessary tests and diagnosis related to COVID-19 patients;
* Necessary medical treatment of COVID-19 patients
* Prescription costs related to COVID-19 treatment.
* **Purchase, lease and delivery of equipment, materials and supplies** for COVID-19 response activities (lab apparatus, cameras, medical supplies, face masks/gloves, backup power equipment, disinfectant, vehicles, disposable and reusable materials and equipment like face masks, plexiglass dividers, and other health and safety barriers.)
* Equipment purchases are subject to disposition requirements.
* **Medical sheltering** when existing facilities cannot accommodate needs
* **Purchase and distribution of food, water, ice, medicine, and other consumable supplies,** to include personal protective equipment and hazardous material suits
* **Sanitizing** **and disinfection equipment, facilities, vehicles, stations, apparatus and supplies** and **purchase of disinfection chemicals, supplies and services for such**
* **Time for labor to sanitize and disinfect** equipment, facilities, vehicles, stations, apparatus and supplies
* **Household pet sheltering, and containment actions** related to household pets in accordance with CDC guidelines
* **Movement of supplies and persons** to respond to COVID-19
* **Security and law enforcement,** for example security for temporary facilities, or law enforcement to ensure health and safety requirements are being met by the public
* **Communications** of general COVID-19 health and safety information to the public
* **Labor costs (overtime) with fringe benefits** for budgeted staff
* **Straight and OT for nonbudgeted staff or temporary hires**
* **Straight-time, OT and other costs (travel, per diem, lodging) for contract staff**
* **Virus testing and laboratory costs** for other COVID-19 specific work
* **Assistance with project management** for this FEMA PA COVID-19 event and training and meeting time **regarding COVID-19 work and costs**
* **Noncongregate sheltering** for first responders who test positive for COVID-19, have been exposed to the virus, or require isolation as a precautionary measure.
* **Temporary mortuary/morgue facilities**, equipment and supplies
* **Medical waste** removal and disposal

**More specifics on eligibility, and not all-inclusive:**

**Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Operations Supplies** - equipment, facility costs, increased utility costs, congregate meals for the group (see below).

**EOC Labor/Staffing Overtime labor for regular staff** - All labor eligible for temporary staff performing eligible emergency work to staff the EOC with the numbers and skills necessary to support the response, assure worker safety, and continually monitor absenteeism.

**Meals for EOC employees** - Provision of meals, including beverages and supplies to serve meals, for employees and volunteers engaged in eligible Emergency Work, including those at emergency operations centers, is eligible provided the individuals are not receiving per diem and one of the following circumstances apply: Meals are required based on a labor policy or written agreement, conditions constitute a level of severity that requires employees to work extended work hours without a reasonable amount of time to provide for their own meals, or food or water is not reasonably available for employees to purchase.

**Safety equipment** - Personal protective equipment, traffic control for drive through sites, signs for drive through sites, lighting for drive through sites.

**Life sustaining commodities** - Food, water, ice, medicine, personal hygiene items, e.g. hand sanitizer and disinfectant for public health need. Includes protective equipment and hazardous material suits. Food and cleaning services for community members who are not ill but otherwise impacted by quarantine may be eligible.

**COVID-19 Call Center Staffing and supplies** - Establishment of call centers or other communication capacity for information sharing, public information, and directing residents to available resources, updating scripts for jurisdictional call centers with specific COVID-19 messaging (alerts, warnings, and notifications).

**Transportation of medical equipment and supplies** - Transportation of medical equipment (Oxygen equipment, Wheelchairs, Walkers, Hospital beds, Crutches, and other medical equipment) and consumable medical supplies that are ingested, injected, or applied or are for one-time use may be eligible.

**Private Lab Testing** - Medically necessary tests and diagnosis may be eligible if not covered by insurance, Medicare, Medicaid. Applicant must verify and provide documentation on a patient-by-patient basis verifying that insurance coverage or any other source funding including private insurance, Medicaid, or Medicare, has been pursued and does not exist for the costs associated with emergency medical care and emergency medical evacuations.

**Inoculation services** - Vaccinations for survivors and emergency workers to prevent outbreaks of infectious and communicable diseases may be eligible medical costs.

**Disinfecting of Facilities** - Applicant would have to prove legal responsibility and provide justification with a request for FEMA consideration.

**Restock of consumables and medical supplies** - If consumables and medical supplies were used to lessen or eliminate an immediate threat required by COVID-19, this could be eligible.

**Messaging/Public Outreach** - Providing warnings and guidance about health and safety hazards using various strategies, such as flyers, public service announcements, or newspaper.

**Non-Congregate Sheltering** - The non-congregate sheltering must be at the direction of and documented through an official order signed by a state, local, or public health official and approved by FEMA in advance. Applicants must follow FEMA’s Procurement Rules under 2 CFR and have a reason justifying procurement using FEMA’s Exigent or Emergency Circumstances procurement guidance, and include a termination for convenience clause in their contracts. The funding for non-congregate sheltering must to meet the needs of the Public Health Emergency cannot be duplicated by another federal agency.

*Applicable Environmental and Historic Preservation laws, regulations, and executive orders apply and must be adhered to as a condition of assistance – for example, if temporary facilities are erected for COVID-19, they must not harm a facility or an area with local, state or federal historic value (or any facility 50+ years of age or older) nor can these or any actions create an issue for any environment or habitat(s).*
 **Costs covered by other funding sources are not eligible for reimbursement under Public Assistance, *for example:***

Costs reimbursed by other funding programs such as Human and Health Services (HHS) CARES Act funding or US Army Corps of Engineers work and funding

Costs covered by insurance, loans, Medicaid or Medicare

Services provided under Direct Federal Assistance (DFA)

**What are the requirements for eligible applicants?**

All eligible costs must be documented. In other words, all COVID-19 expenses must be “proven” as necessary and related to COVID-19 operations with invoices, receipts, contracts and so forth.

All procurement must comply with federal, State and local procurement requirements. Compliance with applicable procurement requirements must be documented

Documentation for cost reimbursement must define a direct relationship to the COVID-19 event that took place or will take place specific to the COVID-19 disaster timeline: January 20 and ongoing.

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