

Hospitals: Submit Medicare GME Affiliation Agreements by Oct. 1 During the COVID-19 PHE

Two or more teaching hospitals may form a Medicare Graduate Medical Education (GME) affiliated group to aggregate direct and/or indirect medical education resident caps to provide flexibility for cross-training residents. During the Public Health Emergency (PHE), teaching hospitals may have until October 1, 2020 (rather than July 1 or June 30, 2020) to submit new or amended Medicare GME affiliation agreements. As under existing procedures, hospitals should email new and/or amended agreements to CMS

at Medicare_GME_Affiliation_Agreement@cms.hhs.gov, and indicate in the subject line whether the Medicare GME affiliation agreement is a new one or an amended one. Copies must be sent to the hospitals' Medicare Administrative Contractors as well.

For more information:

- [COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Blanket Waivers for Health Care Providers \(PDF\)](#): See top of page 9 (location may change if document is updated)
- [MLN Matters Article SE20011 \(PDF\)](#): Clarification of other key waivers