Dentists have a few days left, through Sept. 13, to apply for pandemic relief grants through the Department of Health and Human Services’ Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal. Created by the CARES Act and the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act, the $75 billion Provider Relief Fund is intended to help health care providers suffering economic losses because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund provides eligible dentists a reimbursement of approximately 2 percent of annual reported patient revenue. The HHS has now extended the deadline for the general distribution funding three times, with the previous deadline having been set for Aug. 28.

Determining eligibility
All dentists with a tax identification number are eligible for the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund. Since the fund was established, the HHS has updated the definition of eligible health care providers, which now includes entities and individuals that provide services under the scope of practice allowed by state law for dental services.

Deadline to apply for pandemic relief grants through the Department of Health and Human Services’ Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal is drawing near

Attending a virtual CDA convention
At the first all-virtual CDA Presents The Art and Science of Dentistry, Sept. 10-12, dentists and their teams will be able to engage not only with presenters of some of the 40-plus continuing education courses but also with exhibitors in the first-ever interactive exhibit hall. Over three days, CDA Presents attendees can chat in real time with company experts when shopping exhibitors’ booths, get answers to questions about products and services and save with exclusive deals that have long been a part of the CDA Presents experience. Although the live event, which was set to take place in San Francisco, was canceled in accordance with state and local public health guidance on large gatherings during the COVID-19 pandemic, virtual convention goers will be able to enjoy an engaging exhibit hall experience — from viewing products and services to entering contests for a chance to win prizes.

CDA’s family of companies, including The Dentists Insurance Company and The Dentists Supply Company, will have virtual booths for members wanting to learn more about maximizing their CDA member benefits. In addition, CDA Practice Support experts will be “on hand” to provide members with expert guidance on employment practices, dental benefits plans, regulatory compliance and practice management.

Attendees can also access the exhibit hall booths for the next 60 days after the convention ends.

Attend the meeting
Register for the CDA Presents virtual convention, taking place Sept. 10-12, at www.cda.org/Home/News-and-Events/CDA-Presents/Attendees. You can also find the list of exhibitors and a schedule of educational events at the site.

Read more:
- Dentists: Apply for CARES Act Provider Relief Funds by Sept. 13
- A virtual CDA
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FDA awards $1.5 million grant to ADA Science & Research Institute

ADASRI, University of Pittsburgh to develop pain management guidelines in dentistry with focus on role of opioids

The American Dental Association (ADA) has announced that the U.S. Food & Drug Administration has awarded a three-year, $1.5 million grant to the ADA Science & Research Institute (ADASRI), in collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh, to develop a clinical practice guideline for the management of acute pain in dentistry with a focus on the role of opioids.

"The ADA has long been committed to providing the best possible information about managing acute pain for patients, including focusing on further defining the role of opioids in dentistry," said Marcelo Araujo, DDS, MS, PhD, chief executive officer, ADA Science & Research Institute. "This project will improve clinician and patient access to the evidence and recommendations for all dental specialties and will serve key stakeholder groups throughout guideline development."

ADASRI will work with the University of Pittsburgh to develop, disseminate, implement and evaluate a national clinical practice guideline for the management of acute pain in dentistry. Alonso Carrasco-Labra, DDS, MSc, PhD, senior director of ADASRI Evidence Synthesis & Translation Research, and Deborah Polk, PhD, assistant professor of dental public health in the School of Dental Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh, will serve as the project’s co-principal investigators.

"As a part of the recently founded ADA Science & Research Institute, I believe that this project reflects the strong commitment of ADASRI to conduct research on topics of great importance for the public and the dental profession," said Carrasco-Labra. "This award aligns with ADA’s strong commitment toward optimal, evidence-based management of acute pain in dentistry, including the use of opioids."

This is the first grant awarded to ADASRI’s Evidence Synthesis & Translation Research team since the official launch of ADASRI in January. This award adds to the growing list of ADASRI grant awards for 2020, which also includes three National Institutes of Health grants awarded to the ADASRI Innovation & Technology Research team.

About the ADA Science & Research Institute
ADASRI was created in January as an LLC subsidiary of the American Dental Association to oversee and manage all ADA science and research programs. ADASRI comprises three departments — Evidence Synthesis & Translation Research, Innovation & Technology Research, and Research & Laboratories — whose collective mission is “improving lives through oral health, science and research.”

(Source: American Dental Association)