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**ALAMEDA ALLIANCE FOR HEALTH AUTHORIZES FUNDING FOR LOCAL SAFETY-NET PROVIDERS  
DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

*\$16.6 million allocated to establish an emergency crisis fund that will provide financial support to safety-net providers who serve some of the most vulnerable individuals in Alameda County*

**Alameda, CA** –Alameda Alliance for Health (Alliance) announced today that it has established an emergency crisis fund totaling \$16.6 million that will be made available to eligible frontline safety-net providers in its provider network that are treating or supporting patients impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund will help address the financial pressures being faced by safety-net health care providers serving Alameda County residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, such as health centers, physicians in small medical practices, and public hospitals.

“As a partner in the Alameda County safety-net, we appreciate our frontline doctors, nurses and other caregivers who are committed to serving their patients,” said Alliance Chief Executive Officer, Scott Coffin. “The emergency crisis funding reinforces access to health services and expands COVID-19 testing to better serve the most vulnerable residents in our community”.

When local efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 cases began in late February, many providers began suspending and cancelling non-emergency surgeries, small practices began to see fewer patients in order to comply with social distancing efforts, and other measures that impacted the local safety-net were implemented. While progress has been made to reduce the number of COVID-19 hospitalizations and fatalities, it is expected that the coronavirus will further impact low-income communities. Therefore, the Alliance is committed to ensuring that safety-net hospitals and healthcare systems can remain focused on caring for people. The funding will be distributed in the following manner:

- \$8.3 million (50%) for Safety-Net Hospitals
- \$3.3 million (20%) for COVID-19 Testing
- \$1.7 million (10%) for Direct-contracted Primary Care Physicians (PCPs)
- \$1.7 million (10%) for Safety-Net Health Centers
- \$1.7 million (10%) for other Safety-Net Services

In addition to this funding, the Alliance is accelerating claims payments to providers to improve cash flow and is expediting quality incentive payments. Up to \$4.8 million in quality payments will be paid in July to the participating providers in the Alliance's 2019 Pay-for-Performance quality incentive program.

As we continue to see the detrimental impacts that COVID-19 has put on local healthcare system, the Alliance remains committed to working with and supporting community partners as they work hard to deliver care to those that need it most.

To learn more about the Alliance Safety-Net Sustainability Fund, visit <https://alamedaalliance.org/providers/covid-19-resources-for-providers/alliance-safety-net-sustainability-fund/> or to learn more about the Alliance, visit us at <http://alamedaalliance.org/>

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### **About Alameda Alliance for Health**

Alameda Alliance for Health (Alliance) is a local, public, not-for-profit managed care health plan committed to making high quality health care services accessible and affordable to Alameda County residents. Established in 1996, the Alliance was created by and for Alameda County residents. The Alliance Board of Governors, leadership staff, and provider network reflect the county's cultural and linguistic diversity. The Alliance provides health care coverage to nearly 250,000 low-income children and adults through National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) accredited Medi-Cal and Alliance Group Care programs.