April 30 2020 Practice Compliance Solutions Webinar Recording on Reopening [Here](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/5NJKBq3f0l9IcJH15BuBCvd-AZu0T6a81ScW8_RbxU-hZr5Rb4o1rDZ8WHrrRo1e).  Password is: 0i#1@4CU
April 29 [AOA Practice Reactivation Webinar](https://www.aoa.org/coronavirus/aoa-webinar-series/aoa-webinar-series-on-demand)
AOA [Practice Re-Activation Plan](https://www.sdeyes.org/docs/AOA_COVID_19_reopening_4.21.pdf)
Governor Noem's [Back to Normal Plan](https://www.sdeyes.org/docs/SD_Back_to_Normal_Plan.pdf)
April 9 2020 Practice Compliance Solutions Webinar Recording [Here](https://zoom.us/rec/share/teZNL-_x1iBIeaOT7WiBWasZPJb1eaa80HUZ-qFcnxnEmERlKqI11r1mh4yl4P_Y).
 [AOA COVID-19 Federal Laws and Financial Options for Optometrists](https://www.aoa.org/coronavirus/covid-19-webinar)
 **SD GOED Small Business Relief Fund:**Governor Noem’s Small Business Relief Fund is now available to South Dakota businesses that need assistance to help make ends meet. [***Click here for more information.***](http://clicks.weblinkinternational.com/ls/click?upn=2vLz-2BccvG2sCqUyCoj6YZJqC-2Bq0QRPC0-2FOUBZk6JsvpOcXyoZgyB0IfAERGA4cCJ6IBQhCy8W5Th74aNepksmedC7vOSjLGeo-2FjR8jCQBKCO1ACR7pluUM5P8KnyzPLuBsfmgGS44X1KhnDiC6dnXtbdz5cLqruq9qRZimWuMwbxgPFdZuR3x6uTl6340I5NK2oP4g2oxK5z6soysE1J3w-3D-3D76W3_OzGbmc6EofAZs-2BuZprhN4McFWDskD3LK81FgQeXtQP1MBgWc0qq302fuoP-2FFhFzuUaCKL5n0QKAFCeE-2FmHj8HOKCcGKQcoIKfqk1rvsIOBRQmljHSkjj8iO6CzlUIfB9uQU-2FTzbsG9LFGnDnkXAsKbrKWGCPbgIMBr9Q7nO20hX35-2BTT28clUXaPcSgfn9EgUQi9s5WLYm52S1Ihget9ZkZa85I-2BUqp8JZPPDneyNZE-3D)

**American Optometric Association COVID-19 information & resources**:  <https://www.aoa.org/coronavirus>

* Guidance for optometry practices re: CDC announcement
* CDC recommendations for protective equipment, disinfecting practices
* Healthcare professional preparedness checklist
* COVID-19 assessment flowchart
* Webinars on telehealth billing

**State of South Dakota information**
SD Dept of Health Coronavirus Disease webpage: <https://doh.sd.gov/news/Coronavirus.aspx>
SD Dept of Health healthcare provider information: <https://doh.sd.gov/news/Coronavirus.aspx#SDGuidance>

**Centers for  Disease Control (CDC) information for health care professionals**: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/index.html>

* Guidance on supply & resources for protective equipment
* Clinical presentation of COVID-19

**OSHA guidance on COVID-19 hazards, standards, prevention**:    <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/>
**American Academy of Ophthalmology guidance for OMDs**:   <https://www.aao.org/headline/alert-important-coronavirus-context>

**Small Business Administration guidance & loan resources**:  <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources>

**CMS Coronavirus resources**:   <https://www.cms.gov/About-CMS/Agency-Information/Emergency/EPRO/Current-Emergencies/Current-Emergencies-page>

* Recommendation on non-essential medical procedures
* Guidance to providers
* Protective mask guidance for healthcare workers
* Billing & coding guidance
* Insurance coverage guidance

**South Dakota Department of Labor resources**:

* Reemployment (Unemployment) Insurance Eligibility Requirements <https://dlr.sd.gov/ra/default.aspx>

Reemployment eligibility Q and A <https://dlr.sd.gov/ra/publications/ra_covid_19_eligibility_determinations.pdf>
To know before you file a claim  <https://dlr.sd.gov/ra/individuals/file_claim.aspx>

**Telehealth**   Telehealth policies have been evolving around the COVID-19 developments. Attached is a summary by the Center for Connected Health Policy of what is covered by various public and private payers. This document will be changing on a regular basis, so check their website [here](https://www.cchpca.org/sites/default/files/2020-03/CORONAVIRUS%20TELEHEALTH%20POLICY%20FACT%20SHEET%20MAR%2016%202020%203%20PM%20FINAL.pdf?utm_source=Telehealth+Enthusiasts&utm_campaign=a1c516ec33-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_03_16_10_31&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ae00b0e89a-a1c516ec33-353236795).

**Federal legislation**   Congress and the Trump administration are working on the   [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](https://docs.house.gov/billsthisweek/20200309/BILLS-116hr6201-SUS.pdf)  that contains these provisions:

* Guarantees 10 paid sick days (80 hours) to full-time workers, prorated for part-time workers.
* Temporarily extents the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) provide paid leave to employees working for a business with fewer than 500 employees.
* Permits employers to claim a quarterly tax credit against payroll taxes for payments for sick days and family and medical leave up to an amount that does not exceed the business' total payroll taxes paid in that quarter.

**Legal advice**: SDOS members can receive one free half-hour call per year to our attorney for legal advice, including questions regarding employment & labor issues.  Call the Cutler Law firm at 605-335-4950 and tell them you are using the SDOS legal advice member benefit.

**Ask your Accountant**:  your accountant may be able to help you weather a restricted practice environment and answer questions about federal relief available.

**Business Insurance** contact your agent to see if your business policy has additional coverage for communicable disease.

**Debt Payment & Deferments**
Credit Cards  <https://www.consumerfinance.gov/ask-cfpb/what-should-i-do-if-i-cant-pay-my-credit-card-bills-en-1697/>
Student Loan Deferments  <https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/lower-payments/get-temporary-relief>

**Share Information/Ask Questions of your Colleagues** [www.sdeyes.org](http://www.sdeyes.org)  sign onto the membership page and scroll down to “message boards.”

**Section 135 Medicaid Waiver** :  <https://www.medicaid.gov/state-resource-center/disaster-response-toolkit/federal-disaster-resources/?entry=54047>

**Telehealth Information for ODs**

The current COVID-19 public health emergency dictates that many Americans remain at home unless in need of urgent or emergent care to reduce community spread of this pandemic, and as such, health care providers are using telehealth as a continuance of care. The [AOA successfully advocated](https://mailview.bulletinhealthcare.com/mailview.aspx?m=2020040101aoa&r=4147614-6d93&l=006-218&t=c) to ensure doctors of optometry are fully recognized as physicians and qualified providers in federal actions to temporarily expand telehealth care to Medicare beneficiaries.
As frontline providers of care, doctors of optometry need to understand the current regulatory framework; potential state limitations; billing and coding responsibilities; as well as any malpractice considerations in order to facilitate telehealth care, and [AOA offers comprehensive guidance to help doctors make this transition](https://mailview.bulletinhealthcare.com/mailview.aspx?m=2020040101aoa&r=4147614-6d93&l=007-c92&t=c). This guidance includes:

* Preparing for telehealth care
* Malpractice considerations
* State law impacts
* Medicare changes
* Billing and coding considerations
* Medicare telehealth visit coverage summary during COVID-19
* Commercial payer coverage
* HIPAA-related concerns
* Telehealth platform principles
* Practice implementation considerations