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President Trump Signs Law Delaying Repayment of Accelerated and Advanced Payments

On October 1, 2020, President Trump signed Public Law 116-159, the Continuing Appropriations Act, 2021 and Other Extensions Act. Section 2501 of this law addressed the modification of the repayment terms for accelerated and advanced payments.

In late March, 2020, CMS advanced funds for requests up to 100% of Medicare payment for a three-month period for skilled nursing facilities. The repayment of these advances was to begin 120 days after the date of the issuance of the payment.

Public Law 116-159 extends the repayment period. There will be no offset within 12 months of the advance. During the next 11 months, 25% of the advance will be offset. During the succeeding 6 months, 50% of the advance will be withheld. This allows repayment of the advance for 29 months from the date of the first payment, before interest would accrue at a rate of 4%.

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