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Travel/CME Conference Guidance Reminder

As a reminder, we are still asking Munson Healthcare providers and staff to **stay close to home and not take any non-essential trips**. This is consistent with state recommendations for social distancing and non-essential travel. Please remember that for MHC-employed providers, the Emergency Support Pay benefit would not apply to those who have travelled outside the state of Michigan if they are quarantined in the immediate 14 days after their return. Please click [here](#) for complete details.

Also, we ask that Munson Healthcare employed providers continue to refrain from registering for any future CME conferences/training or booking any work-related travel unless it is expressly required for licensure/boards and there is no other way to meet the requirement.

If you have already booked future CME conference/training or work-related travel, your options are:

1. Keep your reservation. However, know that reimbursement will be held until it is clear that the conference/event will occur.
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2. Cancel your reservation. You will be reimbursed directly for your registration and travel arrangements.

If you had previously booked CME for which you were reimbursed by MHC and the CME event has been cancelled, any reimbursement received for that event needs to be refunded to MHC. This would include the dollar value of any airline vouchers. Airline vouchers could then be used by the provider for personal use.

CME allowances remain in effect and MHC encourages providers to evaluate alternative avenues for CME during this time. Please help us avoid situations where Munson Healthcare reimburses for future travel that is at risk of being cancelled as it is an inefficient use of our limited resources during this COVID-19 pandemic.

Also, see the FAQs below:

If a provider or staff member while on PTO travels out of the state of Michigan, is a 2-week quarantine period required upon return?

No, a 2-week quarantine would not be required. The self-screening requirement would still apply upon return to work.

After returning from travel out of the state of Michigan, if the provider or staff member self-screens and it is determined that a quarantine is necessary, is the provider or staff member eligible to receive Emergency Support Pay?

No, the Emergency Support Pay benefit would not apply to those who have travelled outside the state of Michigan if they are quarantined in the immediate 14 days after their return. They can use PTO during this time.



