

CARES Act Emergency Aid Grant Notice (September 1, 2020)

Dear Students,

In an effort to provide much needed assistance to those impacted by COVID-19, the Florida College of Integrative Medicine (“we” or “FCIM”) has applied to the U.S. Department of Education (“Department”) for grant funding pursuant to the CARES Act. Please be hereby notified of the following:

1. FCIM has signed and returned to the Department the Certification and Agreement and the assurance that the institution has used, or intends to use, no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
2. The total amount of funds that FCIM will receive from the Department pursuant to the institution’s Certification and Agreement equal \$58,486, of which no less than 50 percent (\$29,243) will be used as Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students.
3. As we are currently in the process of procuring the relevant funds through our financial aid servicer (Campus Ivy), we have yet to distribute any amount of Emergency Financial Aid Grants distributed to students under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act as of the date hereof.
4. It is estimated that approximately 45 of FCIM’s currently-enrolled students, by virtue of their eligibility to participate in the Federal student financial aid programs under Section 484 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (as amended), will be eligible receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act, provided they satisfy the conditions set forth in Paragraph #6 below.
5. As FCIM has yet to actually receive the approved grant funds, no Emergency Financial Aid Grant under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act has been distributed to any FCIM student as of the date hereof. Assuming that the funds are received by FCIM during September 2020, they will likely be distributed on or prior to October 31, 2020.
6. In order for a FCIM student to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grant under the CARES Act, the following criteria must be met:
 - a. The student must be eligible to receive federal student aid under Title IV of the Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended;
 - b. The student must complete (or have completed) a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2020-21 (not an earlier year) by no later than

September 30, 2020 at: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. In order to complete the FAFSA, the student must first obtain a FSA ID at: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>;

- c. The student must have been continuously enrolled at FCIM since March 13, 2020 (the date on which COVID-19 was declared a national emergency); and
- d. The student must complete an application [add link] to receive a portion of FCIM's Emergency Financial Aid Grant pursuant to the CARES Act by no later than September 30, 2020.

7. All eligible students who satisfied the above criteria will receive an equal amount of grant aid from funds granted to FCIM pursuant to the CARES Act.

| This notice will be updated **at the end of each calendar quarter** after the date hereof. Should you have any questions on the above, please contact Ms. Mary Simmons, Director of Financial Aid: msimmons@fcim.edu.