## CPA

## Practice **Advisor**

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https://www.aicpa.org/interestareas/privatecompaniespracticesection/qualityservicepaycheck-protection-program-resources-for-cpas/ethical-implications-to-consider-for-covid-19-ppp-loan-applicati.html

As of April 3, 2020

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Before signing a PPP loan application for your attest client, you may want to consult with your professional liability carrier or legal counsel to understand any legal implications signing the PPP loan application.

- The agent fee arrangement outlined in Treasury's "Paycheck Protection Information Sheet for Lenders" is not considered a contingent fee because the fee will be determined by Treasury.
- If you obtain a PPP loan from a lender that is an existing attest client, independence will be impaired.

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## As of April 1, 2020

- Assisting an attest client with a COVID-19 PPP loan application is a nonattest service. If CPAs comply with the interpretations of the Nonattest Services subtopic, independence will not be impaired.
- The majority of the representations contained in the "Representations and Authorization" section of the PPP loan application are management responsibilities; the two signatures required on page 2 of the application should be made by the company applying for the loan.
- The agent fee arrangement outlined in Treasury's "Paycheck Protection Information Sheet for Lenders" is not considered a contingent fee because the fee will be determined by Treasury and SBA.
- If a member obtains a PPP loan from an existing client, independence will be impaired.

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