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**Supply Chain Disruption**
70% of HME companies reported disruptions in product categories needed to directly care for COVID-19 patients.

**PPE**
86% of HME companies reported increased costs.

**Sanitizing Equipment**
90% of HME companies reported an increase in time spent cleaning/sanitizing equipment and supplies.
Critical Assistance Offered

- Worked with manufacturer partners to get equipment as expeditiously as possible
- Donated ventilators to local hospitals and partnered with area hospitals to discharge patients who were able to be taken care of at home as quickly as possible to create room for COVID-19 patients
- Helped nursing homes stock high levels of concentrators in preparation for the role they played
- Quickly engaged Respiratory Therapists to help staff hospitals and educate hospital employees across the country on how to use the various kinds of ventilators they were receiving
- Developed new approaches with BiPAP AVAPS so hospitals could use it invasively or as a secondary form of treatment