

Congratulations on receiving the stimulus check today. Here is the general information about the rural distribution of \$10 billion which you received a portion of today. We have included a link to the website describing the funds, and attestation form that outlines the used and prohibited uses as well as reporting requirements of the funds, a one page report on how the formula used to distribute funds, and a sample form in Word to help you keep up with the uses of the funds and report them to HHS on a quarterly basis.

- <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/index.html>
 - [The Attestation Form outlining the uses of the funds is in this link](#)
 - [The distribution of funds is based upon the formula in this one page PDF](#)
 - [A sample form to keep up with your expenditures as required by the CARES Act is provider here \(One Page Word file\)](#)
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Here is what the distribution looks like:

- **ACTION REQUIRED: Important Message Regarding CARES Act Rural Distribution**

Attention:

Name of Clinic

TIN (Last 3 digits): XXX

Dear Valued Provider:

Thank you for your tireless efforts during this critical time. President Trump is providing support to healthcare providers fighting the COVID-19 pandemic through the bipartisan *CARES Act* and the *Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act* that provide \$175 billion in relief funds to hospitals and other healthcare providers on the front lines of the coronavirus response. This funding will be used to support healthcare-related expenses or lost revenue attributable to COVID-19 and to ensure uninsured Americans can get testing and treatment for COVID-19.

In allocating the funds, the Administration is working, among other things, to address both the economic harm across the entire healthcare system due to the stoppage of elective procedures, and addressing the economic impact on providers particularly impacted by COVID-19, and to do so as quickly and transparently as possible.

\$10 billion targeted allocation for rural providers

Most rural health clinics and hospitals operate on especially thin margins and are far less likely to be profitable than their urban counterparts. Lower operating margins expose rural hospitals and providers to a greater risk of closure than their urban counterparts. \$10 billion will be allocated for rural providers. Eligible recipients of the \$10 billion rural distribution include rural



acute care general hospitals and Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), and Community Health Centers located in rural areas.

Your organization will be receiving payment from the rural distribution.

Each provider will receive a minimum base payment, with certain providers receiving an additional percentage of their annual expenses.

All clinical, non-hospital sites receive a minimum level of support no less than \$100,000, with additional payment for RHC's based on operating expenses. Rural acute care general hospitals and CAHs will receive a minimum level of support of no less than \$1,000,000, with additional payment based on operating expenses.

How will payments be distributed?

HHS is partnering with UnitedHealth Group to deliver funds. Your organization's payment will be sent via Automated Clearing House (ACH). The automatic payments are sent via Optum Bank with "CARES Act RuralAreaPmt*[HHS.GOV](https://www.hhs.gov)" in the payment description. Payments are sent to the group's central billing office. All relief payments are made to provider billing organizations based on their Taxpayer Identification Numbers (TINs).

What action should I take?

Within 30 days of receiving this payment, you must sign an attestation confirming receipt of the funds and agreeing to the [Terms and Conditions](#) of payment. Should you choose to reject the funds, you must also complete the attestation to indicate this. The [CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Payment Attestation Portal](#) will guide you through the attestation process to accept or reject the funds. Not returning the payment within 30 days of receipt will be viewed as acceptance of the [Terms and Conditions](#).

Whom can I contact for more information?

For additional information, please visit hhs.gov/providerrelief or call the provider support line at (866) 569-3522; for TTY dial 711. Thank you for all you are doing to support and protect the American people during this difficult time.

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United States Department of Health and Human Services

If you did not get your check in your bank account today, call UnitedHealth Group at 866-569-3522, press option 2, and then 0 for an operator and then provide the operator with your Tax ID number and they can help you with determining if you are eligible for a payment or if one is on the way.