



## Notes from HHS Webinar on Provider Relief Funds July 8, 2020

On July 8, 2020, HHS conducted a webinar on Provider Relief Funds and how to apply for a distribution for Medicaid/CHIP providers who have not yet received a General Fund Distribution. We have provided the following screenshot of how to find out more information about this distribution.

### Important Resources

- Visit [hhs.gov/providerrelief](https://hhs.gov/providerrelief) for links to:
  - Terms and Conditions
  - Fact Sheet
  - Frequently Asked Questions
  - Application Guidance and Pre-Application Tools
  - Application Portal
- For additional information, please call the provider support line at: (866) 569-3522; for TTY dial 711.



## Intent of Medicaid and CHIP Provider Distribution

- Provide help for providers and clinicians who treat our most vulnerable populations, including low-income and minority patients
- Approximately \$15 billion for eligible providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP Programs or Medicaid managed care plans and that did not receive a payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Allocation
- The payment to each provider will be approximately 2 percent of reported gross revenue from patient care

## Eligibility Requirements\*

All criteria must be met to be eligible:

- No payment from the \$50 billion General Distribution; and
- Billed Medicaid/CHIP programs or Medicaid managed care plans for health care-related services between Jan. 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2019; and
- Filed a federal income tax return for fiscal years 2017, 2018 or 2019; or be exempt from filing a return; and
- Provided patient care after January 31, 2020; and
- Not permanently ceased providing patient care directly, or indirectly; and
- Have gross receipts or sales from providing patient care reported on Form 1040.

\*Full eligibility details available: <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/provider-relief-fund-general-distribution-faqs.pdf>

## The Distribution is not a Grant or Loan

These funds are **NOT grants or loans, but are considered payments** per the June 23<sup>rd</sup> HHS webinar on this subject. This gives us some idea of how these funds will be treated for cost reporting purposes and taxability, but HHS and the IRS have not provided this information yet. We have asked both these questions at both webinars and are waiting for more guidance.

## The Deadline to Apply is July 20, 2020

### Distribution Methodology



#### Eligible Distribution

Approximately 2% of patient care revenue for CY 2017, 2018, or 2019 (gross revenue x percent of gross revenue from patient care)



#### Curated List

Payments made to providers on curated list provided by states. Applicants not on list will be validated through separate process.



#### Distribution

Payments disbursed on a rolling basis.



#### Deadline

Submissions due by July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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### Attestation Terms and Conditions\*

Payment Recipient must attest to the following within 90 days of receiving payment:

- ✓ Recipient provided, on or after January 31, 2020, diagnosis, testing or care for COVID-19 patients; is not terminated, revoked, or precluded from participating in Medicare, Medicaid or other Federal health care programs
- ✓ Payment must be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, and reimburse health care related expenses or lost revenues attributable to coronavirus
- ✓ Payment does not reimburse for expenses or losses that have been reimbursed from other sources, or that other sources are obligated to reimburse
- ✓ Recipient shall comply with all reporting and information requirements
- ✓ Recipients consents to public disclosure of payment

\*Full Terms and Conditions are available at [HHS.gov/providerrelief](https://www.hhs.gov/providerrelief).

## Getting Started

Download the instructions and Medicaid Provider Distribution Instructions and Provider Distribution Application Form from:

<https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/for-providers/index.html>.

### Medicaid/CHIP Provider Relief Fund Payment Forms and Guidance

HHS expects to distribute \$15 billion to eligible Medicaid and CHIP providers. The payment to each provider will be at least 2 percent of reported gross revenue from patient care; the final amount each provider receives will be determined after the data is submitted, including information about the number of Medicaid patients providers serve. **Providers must submit their data by July 20, 2020.** Before applying through the [Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal](#) applicants should:

[Read the Medicaid Provider Distribution Instructions - PDF\\*](#)

[Download the Medicaid Provider Distribution Application Form - PDF\\*](#)

## Welcome to the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Payment Attestation Portal.

This portal allows providers to attest to relief fund payments made for healthcare-related expenses or lost revenue attributable to COVID-19.

Overview

**Set Up Optum ID**

What You Need

Resources and Support

The Department of Health and Human Services has contracted with UnitedHealth Group to administer Provider Relief Fund payments. Therefore, some steps in the process involve existing UnitedHealth Group tools. Specifically, you'll need to set up an Optum ID in order to access the portal. The process will not involve credentialing or contracting with UnitedHealth Group, and the information you submit will be used to administer the Provider Relief Fund payment.

### Set up Optum ID

#### 1. If you do not have an Optum ID

You will need to create an Optum ID to access the portal, [start registration here](#) to begin.

Create an Optum ID

An Optum ID securely manages your account so that you can use our Optum ID and password to sign in to all integrated applications.

Already have an Optum ID? Sign in now

**Profile Information**

First name

## Reporting and Auditing Requirements

HHS reported that the quarterly reporting requirements that were included in the attestation agreement and was due by July 10, 2020 will be rolled into a report that will be announced in the coming weeks. Additional Anti-Fraud and Auditing requirements will be announced in the coming weeks as well. RHCs should maintain excellent records of deposits and disbursements of all Provider Relief payments and how the funds were used to replace lost revenue or compensate for increased COVID expenses.

If you feel your clinic is eligible for the Medicaid/CHIP payment, start now. The application is more time consuming than other applications and requires the clinic to upload a tax return, Quarterly 941 Report, FTE Worksheet with NPI numbers, and possibly other Worksheets. Again, the deadline is July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The payment will be 2% of patient revenues.

Good luck with obtaining these funds and if you need help, please let us know. We will update you on the reporting and auditing requirements once they are announced by HHS. Stay safe.

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