

## Important HHS Update – Issued July 31, 2020

### **Additional Provider Relief Funds available – Deadline is August 28.**

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is offering a second extension of the application period for Medicaid and CHIP providers to apply for payments from the Provider Relief Fund (PRF). The new deadline for applications is Friday, August 28.

In addition, starting on August 10, providers who received automatic payments from the general distribution (the initial \$30 billion from the PRF that HHS distributed based on Medicare FFS utilization) and did not apply to receive additional funds at that time will be given another opportunity to apply. This reopened application period will last from August 10 to August 28. This should allow providers who received nominal payments to apply and receive the intended total payment of 2% of patient revenue.

HHS has also provided links/information regarding additional resources to assist providers. They are as follows:

- **Fact Sheet**

The Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) released a Fact Sheet (<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/provider-relief-fund-medicaid-chip-factsheet.pdf>) for Medicaid and CHIP Providers that is now available on the Provider Relief Fund website.

- **Recorded Webcast**

A recording of a June 25 webcast is available at <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/for-providers/index.html>.

- **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

In order to better address provider's most important concerns, HRSA has updated their FAQs to address common questions, including those submitted during the previous webcasts. The FAQs include expanded information on eligibility, application, payment process, and more. <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/faqs/index.html#medicaid-overview-eligibility>

- **Application Instructions**

Medicaid and CHIP Provider Distribution Instructions and the Medicaid and CHIP Provider Distribution Application Form are available at [hhs.gov/providerrelief](https://www.hhs.gov/providerrelief). HRSA recommends downloading and reviewing these documents to help providers complete the process through the Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal.

- **Additional Information**

For additional information, please call the Provider Support Line at (866) 569-3522; for TTY, dial 711. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday. Service staff members are available to provide real-time technical assistance, as well as service and payment support.