

PROVIDER ADVISORY #2020-009
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDER RELIEF FUNDS

ACTION REQUIRED

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2020

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced additional distributions from the Provider Relief Funds targeted to eligible providers that participate in the Medicaid Programs. Please note that this application deadline is **JULY 20, 2020** and providers should begin the application process now.

The payment will be approximately 2% of reported gross revenue from patient care.

To qualify providers must meet the following criteria:

- No payment received from the original \$50 billion General Distribution
 - You do qualify even if you received Paycheck Protection Program or FEMA funds!
- Billed Medicaid/CHIP or Medicaid/CHIP managed care plans for services between Jan. 1, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2019.
 - You do not need to be a “medical” provider to receive these funds.
- Filed a federal income tax return for fiscal years 2017, 2018, or 2019; or be exempt from filing a return.
- Provided patient care after January 31, 2020.
- Not permanently ceased providing patient care directly, or indirectly; and
- Have gross receipts or sales from providing care reported on Form 1040.

Not sure if you qualify? Apply now and find out!

There are several steps, and each must be completed before you can move to the next step.

- Step 1 - Create an Optum ID to login to the CARES Provider Relief Fund Portal
- Step 2 - Validation of Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)
- Step 3 - Confirmation of Revenue and Tax Information
- Step 4 - Receive and Attest to Payment

Please note that the application currently requires a license number (this is separate from your Medicaid/CHIP ID), but HHS is working to fix this issue, so non-licensed providers should not let this requirement stop them from beginning the process. Start your application now!

Information about the application process can be found on the HHS website:

- A set of [instructions for providers](#);
- The [application form](#);
- The [enhanced provider relief fund portal](#);
- The [Terms and Conditions](#); and
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
 - Go to the “Medicaid Distribution” section
 - Please note that new FAQs are being added regularly.

If you have questions contact the HHS Provider Support line at (866) 569-3522, from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday – Friday.