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TO: All Providers

RE: HHS Extends Deadline to Apply for Federal Provider Relief Funds to August 28

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced an application deadline extension for Phase 2 of the General Distribution to Medicaid, Medicaid managed care, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and dental providers. HHS will also allow certain Medicare providers who experienced challenges in the Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution application period a second opportunity to receive funding. Both groups will have until **Friday, August 28, 2020** to apply.

Starting the week of August 10, 2020, Medicare providers who missed previous deadlines will have the opportunity to apply for additional funding from the \$20 billion portion of the \$50 billion Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution. In order to receive the balance of the two percent payment of General Distribution funds, providers have the opportunity to apply for additional funding by entering revenue information into a portal (see link below). This is particularly relevant to those providers who may have received less than two percent of total net patient revenues in the initial distribution.

Also starting the week of August 10, 2020, providers who experienced change in ownership challenges may submit their revenue information to HHS, along with documentation proving a change in ownership, for consideration for Provider Relief Fund payment.

HHS posted [resources](#) and hosted several webinars for providers and provider organizations to answer questions and assist eligible providers with the application process.

Links to these resources:

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (addressing common questions and expanded information on eligibility, application, payment process, etc.)
- [Application, Instructions](#)
- [Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal](#)

The full announcement from HHS is available at the following link:

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCMSMEDICAID/bulletins/2984d77>.

The HHS Provider Support line is available for questions at (866) 569-3522, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CST.

We encourage all providers to review these recommendations and apply through this portal. When in doubt: apply or reapply if previously rejected.