

# IMPORTANT: Medicaid Provider COVID 19 Payment Portal

Here's the Medicaid/Safety net tranche:

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), is announcing the distribution of additional relief funds from the Provider Relief Fund to eligible Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance (CHIP) providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs. HHS expects to distribute approximately \$15 billion to eligible providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs and that have not received a payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Allocation. HHS is announcing the distribution of \$10 billion in Provider Relief Funds to "safety net" hospitals that serve our most vulnerable citizens. The "safety net" distribution will begin within a week.

## Medicaid Provider Enhanced Portal

On Wednesday, HHS is launching a Medicaid and CHIP Targeted Distribution Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal that will allow eligible Medicaid and CHIP providers to report their annual patient revenue, which will be used as a factor in determining their Provider Relief Fund payment. The payment to each provider will be at least 2 percent of reported gross revenue; the final amount each provider receives can only be determined after the data is submitted.

The initial General Distribution provided payment to approximately 62% of all providers participating in state Medicaid and CHIP programs. The Medicaid and CHIP Targeted distribution will make the provider relief fund available to the remaining 38%. HHS has already provided relief funding to over one million providers, and today's announcement is expected to reach several hundred thousand more providers, many of whom are safety net providers operating on thin margins.

Clinicians that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs and/or Medicaid managed care organizations who have not yet received funding may submit their annual patient revenue information to the Medicaid and CHIP Targeted Distribution Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal to receive **a distribution equal to at least 2% of their annual revenue**. This funding will supply relief to Medicaid providers experiencing lost revenues or increased expenses due to COVID-19. Examples of possible providers for this funding includes dentists, pediatricians, opioid treatment and behavioral health providers, assisted living facilities and other home and community-based services providers.

**To be eligible for this funding, health care providers must have not received payments from the \$50 billion Provider Relief Fund General Distribution and either have directly billed their state Medicaid programs, or Medicaid managed care plans for "healthcare-related services" between January 2018, to May 31, 2020. Approximately one million health care providers may be eligible for this funding.**