

NOTICE: Medicaid & CHIP Provider Relief Fund

Dear Providers,

As you may be aware, HHS has extended the deadline for qualifying Medicaid & CHIP providers to apply for the Medicaid & CHIP Provider Relief Fund distribution. **The new deadline is August 3, 2020.** Monies in this Relief Fund are allocated for eligible providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP Programs (in Arizona, the CHIP Program is known as KidsCare) 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.

AHCCCS has engaged in multiple conversations with CMS and HHS over the last several weeks regarding the status of applications for this distribution. As of July 15th, only a small fraction of qualifying Medicaid & CHIP eligible providers in Arizona have applied for the distribution. This low registration rate is very concerning.

But now providers must act! Funding is available for more than 5,000 additional Arizona providers—funding that will be forfeited if providers do not apply.

CMS has provided helpful links to assist you to complete the application process:

- **Application Instructions**

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

- **Recorded Webcast(s)**

Recording of July 27 webcast “Getting Started with the Provider Relief Fund for Medicaid, CHIP, and Dental Providers”

https://webex.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1348276&tp_key=fa54a9fb41

A recording of a June 25 webcast is available at

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

- **Fact Sheet**

The Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) released a [Fact Sheet](#) for Medicaid and CHIP Providers that is now available on the Provider Relief Fund website.

- **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.

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