

# Medicaid Provider Relief Fund Extension – Apply Now!

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced additional distributions from the Provider Relief Fund under the CARES Act for providers impacted by COVID-19 losses. The funds are targeted to eligible providers that participate in the Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Programs (CHIP). The payment will be approximately 2% of reported gross revenue from patient care. Providers must apply in order to receive the funds. [Click here for instructions from HHS.](#)

**The deadline to apply has been extended to July 20, 2020.**  
Providers should begin their application **now**.

## How do I apply?

There are several steps to apply, 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:** Validate Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN)
- Step 3:** Confirm Revenue and Tax Information
- Step 4:** Receive and Attest to Payment

For full instructions, please review the [HHS Instructions for the Medicaid Provider Distribution](#).

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!**

## Who qualifies?

**To qualify, providers must meet all of the following criteria:**

No payment received from the original \$50 billion General Distribution

- However, you **do qualify** if you received Paycheck Protection Program or FEMA funds. These are not the same as Provider Relief Fund distributions.

Billed Medicaid/CHIP or Medicaid/CHIP managed care plans for services between January 1, 2018 and December 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

Have not permanently ceased providing patient care directly or indirectly

Have gross receipts or sales from providing care reported on Tax Form 1040

## Where can I find more information?

[Instructions for Providers](#) | [Application Form](#) | [Provider Relief Fund Portal](#) | [Frequently Asked Questions](#)