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## FLORIDA MEDICAID

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## Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert June 17, 2020

**Provider Type(s): All** 

## UPDATED: IMPORTANT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ALL MEDICAID PROVIDERS

**For all Medicaid and CHIP providers:** The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced additional distributions from the Provider Relief Fund to eligible providers that participate in the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs.

**NEW!**: HHS Planning Two Webinars Next Week for Providers on Medicaid Provider Relief Portal and Application Process

HHS will be holding two webinars next week titled, *Getting started with the Provider Relief Fund for Medicaid and CHIP Distribution*. These are to assist providers in understanding how to use the Medicaid provider relief portal and submit applications to the portal. These webinars will be held on:

- Tuesday, June 23, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Register Here
- Thursday, June 25, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Register Here

## **Funding Overview:**

On June 10, HHS is launching an enhanced 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 from patient care; the final amount each provider receives will be determined after the data is submitted, including information about the number of Medicaid patients providers serve.

To be eligible for this funding, providers must not have received payments from the \$50 billion Provider Relief Fund General Distribution and must have billed their state Medicaid/CHIP programs or managed care plans for healthcare-related services from January 1, 2018 through May 31, 2020.

Other terms and conditions may apply. Please see the HHS announcement at <a href="https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/06/09/hhs-announces-enhanced-provider-portal-relief-fund-payments-for-safety-net-hospitals-medicaid-chip-providers.html">https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/06/09/hhs-announces-enhanced-provider-portal-relief-fund-payments-for-safety-net-hospitals-medicaid-chip-providers.html</a>.

HHS has posted additional information to their website regarding this funding opportunity for Medicaid and CHIP providers. The updated information includes:

- A <u>set of instructions for providers</u>, including a deadline of July 20, 2020 to submit an application.
- The application form; and
- The enhanced provider relief fund portal to complete the application process.

HHS has also posted FAQs on their website providing additional information that providers may find useful. Those FAQs can be found at <a href="https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/faqs/index.html">https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/faqs/index.html</a>. Please note that the FAQs specific to Medicaid and CHIP providers are near the bottom of the FAQ page under the header, "Medicaid Targeted Distribution."

**Agency COVID-19 Website:** As a reminder, the Agency's COVID-19 alert website ensures providers have all Agency guidance in one centralized location. The website can be accessed through the following link: http://ahca.myflorida.com/covid-19\_alerts.shtml

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