



NEW COVID-19 Provider Funding: Prepare to Apply

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), has announced a new application cycle for \$25.5 billion in COVID-19 provider funding. Applicants will be able to apply for both [Provider Relief Fund \(PRF\) Phase 4](#) and [American Rescue Plan \(ARP\) Rural payments](#) during the application process. PRF Phase 4 is open to a broad range of providers with changes in operating revenues and expenses. ARP Rural is open to providers who serve rural patients covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

See a detailed list of eligible provider types [here](#).

Get Ready to Apply!

The application will open on **September 29, 2021** and close on **October 26, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. ET**. Providers who have previously created an account in the [Provider Relief Fund Application and Attestation Portal](#) and have not logged in for more than 90 days will need to first reset their password before starting a new application. In order to streamline the application process and minimize administrative burdens, providers will apply for both programs in a single application.

Technical Assistance Webinars – Register Today

HHS recently hosted a briefing session to provide information about these upcoming funding opportunities – [view the video here](#). HRSA will also host webinar sessions featuring guidance on how to navigate the application portal. Register now using the links below.

- [Thursday, September 30](#) from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET
- [Tuesday, October 5](#) from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. ET
- Two additional webinars the weeks of October 11th and 18th (dates, times, and registration forthcoming)

What Is Considered Rural?

ARP Rural payments will be determined based on the **location of the patients, not the provider**. You do not need to verify whether your patients live in an area that meets the definition of rural. Simply select whether your organization (including any included subsidiaries) would like to be considered for ARP Rural payments during the application process. HRSA will base payments on data already available to us on the amount and type of Medicare, Medicaid, and CHIP services provided to rural patients. HRSA will use the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy [definition of rural](#).

What Documentation Will I Need?

Supporting documentation and information needed to complete an application will include:

- Applicant Tax Identification Number (TIN) and TINs for any subsidiaries included in the application.
- Internally-generated financial statements that substantiate operating revenues and expenses from patient care in 2019 Q1, Q3, and Q4; 2020 Q3 and Q4; and 2021 Q1.
- Federal income tax return, audited financial statements, or internally-generated financial statements submitted in their entirety:

If the applicant for tax purposes is a...	The applicant must provide...
Sole proprietor or disregarded entity owned by an individual	IRS Form 1040 including Schedule C.
Trust or estate	IRS Form 1041 including Schedule C.
Partnership	IRS Form 1065.
C corporation	IRS Form 1120.
S corporation	IRS Form 1120-S.
Tax-exempt organization	IRS Form 990.

Not required to file federal income taxes (e.g., government entities)	Internally-generated financial statements (or management-prepared financial statements) <u>and</u> a statement explaining why the entity is not required to file a federal tax form.
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You can also continue to check the [PRF Future Payments webpage](#) for more updates as the application period approaches.

Please share this message with other organizations or providers who might be interested in these programs. Thank you for all you are doing during this difficult time.

Real time technical assistance is available by calling the Provider Support Line at (866) 569-3522, for TTY dial 711. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT, Monday through Friday.

Thank you for all you are doing during this difficult time.

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