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Relief for Local Healthcare Providers Available

Additional funds are available through the US Health and Human Services Department (HHS) to help support healthcare providers fighting the COVID-19 pandemic. Distributions from the Provider Relief fund to eligible Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) providers that participate in state and Medicaid and CHIP programs. HHS expects to distribute approximately \$15 billion to eligible healthcare providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs and have not received a payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Allocation. HHS is also distributing \$10 billion in Provider Relief Funds to safety net hospitals that serve our most vulnerable citizens.

"This is good news for our local health care providers who bill for Medicaid money and haven't gotten any sort of relief assistance from other sources. It also recognizes the incredibly thin margins some providers operate on." said Community Services Director Kara Terry.

Clinicians that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs and/or Medicaid and CHIP managed care organizations may submit their annual patient revenue information to the enhanced Provider Relief Fund Portal to receive a distribution equal to at least 2 percent of reported gross revenues from patient care. This funding will supply relief to Medicaid and CHIP providers experiencing lost revenues or increased expenses due to COVID-19. Examples of providers, serving Medicaid/CHIP beneficiaries, possibly eligible for this funding include pediatricians, obstetrician-gynecologists, dentists, 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 not have received payments from the \$50 billion Provider Relief Fund General Distribution and either have directly billed their state Medicaid/CHIP programs or Medicaid managed care plans for healthcare-related services between January 1, 2018, to May 31, 2020. Close to one million health care providers may be eligible for this funding.

More information about eligibility and the application process is available at hhs.gov/providerrelief

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