HHS Provides Second Chance at Provider Relief Fund 2 for Medicaid Providers

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced new opportunities for both Medicare and Medicaid providers to qualify for grants of up to 2 percent of their total annual fees.

- Practices that have been turned down previously by HHS should take a new look at the program as recent changes have made funds available to more providers.
- HHS extended the application deadline for the Provider Relief Fund Phase 2 General Distribution to Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) providers until August 28, 2020.
- Starting the week of August 10, HHS will also allow Medicare providers who experienced difficulties or missed the original opportunity to apply for additional funding from the $20 billion portion of the $50 billion Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution.
- The application deadline for both programs is August 28, 2020.

Practices are encouraged to go to the HHS General Distribution Portal to see if they qualify under that program.

- If the practice is not recognized, repeat the process on the HHS Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal.
- One route or the other should qualify practices for total payments of 2 percent of practice revenue over all phases of the relief program.
- HHS will reopen the application portals during the week of August 10 and providers will have until August 28, 2020 to apply for relief funds.
- Both portals can be accessed on the HHS Cares Act Provider Relief Fund page.

Please be advised that Congress continues to debate options for COVID-19 relief, so additional changes to these programs or entirely new initiatives are possible in the coming weeks.

For more information, see the HHS press release or the Cares Act Provider Relief Fund page.

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