

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

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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 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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