

## **Department of Health and Human Services announces additional distributions from the Provider Relief Fund to eligible Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program providers Medicaid and CHIP Providers**

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On June 9, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), announced additional distributions from the **Provider Relief Fund** to eligible Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs. HHS is also announcing an additional distribution of Provider Relief Funds to safety net hospitals.

- HHS expects to distribute approximately \$15 billion to eligible providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs and have not received a payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Distribution. **On June 10, 2020, HHS launched an enhanced provider relief fund portal that will allow eligible Medicaid and CHIP providers to report their annual patient revenue, which is used as a factor in determining their Provider Relief Fund payment.** More information about eligibility and the application process is available at <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/general-information/index.html>.
- HHS also announced the distribution of \$10 billion in Provider Relief Funds to safety net hospitals that serve the most vulnerable citizens. The safety net distribution is expected to occur the week of June 8, 2020. This payment is going to hospitals that serve a disproportionate number of Medicaid patients or provide large amounts of uncompensated care.

Read the **full News Release** at [HHS.gov/news](https://www.hhs.gov/news).

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