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

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield of Western New York partners with Amerigroup companies to administer certain services to Medicaid Managed Care (MMC) and Child Health Plus (CHPlus) members. Please note, this information is specific to the MMC and CHPlus programs only.

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.

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