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Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Provider Relief Fund Distribution Update

Today, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), announced that it will begin distributing \$10 billion in a second round of high impact COVID-19 area funding to hospitals starting next week. Additionally, HHS announced that it is extending the Medicaid and CHIP Provider Relief Fund distribution provider application deadline to apply to August 3, 2020.

In June, HHS announced the opening of the application period and plans to distribute approximately \$15 billion to eligible providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs who had not yet received a payment from the \$50 billion General Distribution. Since the announcement on June 9, HHS has hosted a number of webinars targeted at providers and provider organizations to answer questions and assist those eligible through the application process. A [fact sheet - PDF](#) explaining the application process has also been created to address frequently asked questions.

You can read today's full announcement here:

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/07/17/hhs-begin-distributing-10-billion-additional-funding-hospitals-high-impact-covid-19-areas.html>

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