



Update: CARES Act Provider Relief Portal Open to Request Additional Funds

Purpose

Provide an update on some important information released by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) about the Provider Relief Fund, including how to apply for additional Provider Relief Funds.

Background:

HHS has been updating the CARES Act Provider Relief [website](#) over the weekend with new information regarding the distribution of the remaining portion of the \$50 billion general distribution fund from the CARES Provider Relief Fund to Providers and Suppliers enrolled in the Medicare or Medicaid programs. Recipients include hospitals, private practice physicians, medical groups, Rural Health Clinics, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and other clinicians and facilities.

- As of late Friday, April 24, approximately \$40 Billion of the \$50 Billion authorized for general distribution has been deposited in providers' accounts. \$10 Billion of the general distribution remains to be distributed based on information Provider Relief Fund recipients are being asked to submit on the Provider Relief Fund Application.
- Medicare providers who have received a payment as of 4/24/20 from the Provider Relief Fund are now eligible to apply for additional funds by submitting data about their annual revenues and estimated COVID-related losses via the Provider Relief Fund Application Portal.
- The provider must also have agreed to the terms and conditions from Tranche 1 received on April 10th via the attestation portal in order to be eligible for these incremental grants (see 1 below)

Application for Additional Provider Relief Funds - from the remaining \$10 Billion

HHS has established two Portals: 1) Attestation Portal and 2) Application Portal for additional "General" Distribution.

1. [Attestation Portal](#) for funds already received (4/10, 4/17 and 4/24).
 - This portal is for all providers who received Provider Relief Funds **as of 5:00pm April 24**. You are asked to accept the [terms and conditions](#) for receipt of these funds.
 - **Attestation to Funds already received is required in order to apply for Additional Funds.**
 - If the provider fails to complete the attestation, it will be assumed that the provider has agreed to the terms and conditions.



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2. [Application Portal](#) for additional “General” disbursements.
 - The Provider Relief Fund Application Portal is provided to collect information from providers **who received General Distribution payments prior to April 24 by 5:00 pm EST**; and
 - Who wish to be considered for an additional disbursement from the General Distribution.

User Guide

Note: When you access the Application Portal there is a link to a [User’s Guide](#), which is helpful in understanding the process.

FAQs about the Provider Relief Fund program

HHS finally released an [FAQ](#) about the Provider Relief Fund program. This 9-page document answers a lot of questions about the Provider Relief Fund that many have been asking, including applying for additional relief funds.

Timing of Application

According to HHS, they will be processing applications in batches every Wednesday at 12:00 pm EST. Funds will NOT be disbursed on a first-come-first-served basis, which is to say, an applicant will be given equal consideration regardless of when they apply

Information Required to Apply for Additional Funds:

For providers who are able to enter the Application Portal, HHS will ask them to provide:

1. Bank account number and amount received in the funding from Round 1;
2. The provider's "Gross Receipts or Sales" or "Program Service Revenue" as submitted on its most recently filed federal income tax return;
3. The provider's estimated revenue losses in March 2020 and April 2020 due to COVID;
4. Upload a copy of the provider's most recently filed federal income tax return; and
5. A listing of the TINs for any of the provider's subsidiary organizations that have received relief funds but that DO NOT file separate tax returns.

Contact Information

For more information, please visit the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund page: [HHS.gov](https://www.hhs.gov) or call the CARES Provider Relief hotline at (866) 569-3522.