



# Provider Bulletin

## New Hampshire Medicaid

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### **Provider Relief Fund: Medicaid & CHIP Provider Distribution Phase 3 Provider Relief Funding**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced \$20 billion in new funding for providers on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic.

Under the Phase 3 General Distribution allocation, providers that have already received Provider Relief Fund payments may apply for additional funding that considers financial losses and changes in operating expenses caused by the coronavirus. Previously ineligible providers, such as those who began practicing in 2020 may also apply, and an expanded group of behavioral health providers confronting the emergence of increased mental health and substance use issues exacerbated by the pandemic will also be eligible for relief payments.

**Providers will have from October 5, 2020 through November 6, 2020 to apply for Phase 3 General Distribution funding.**

#### **Eligibility**

HHS is making a large number of providers eligible for Phase 3 General Distribution funding, including:

- Providers who previously received, rejected or accepted a General Distribution Provider Relief Fund payment. Providers that have already received payments of approximately 2% of annual revenue from patient care may submit more information to become eligible for an additional payment.
- Behavioral Health providers, including those that previously received funding and new providers.
- Healthcare providers that began practicing January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020. This includes dentists, assisted living facilities and behavioral health providers.



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### Payment Methodology- Apply Early

All eligible providers will be considered for payment against the below criteria.

- All provider submissions will be reviewed to confirm they have received a Provider Relief Fund payment equal to approximately 2 percent of patient care revenue from prior general distributions. Applicants that have not yet received Relief Fund payments of 2 percent of patient revenue will receive a payment that, when combined with prior payments (if any), equals 2 percent of patient care revenue.
- With the remaining balance of the \$20 billion budget, HRSA will then calculate an equitable add-on payment that considers the following:
  - A provider's change in operating revenues from patient care
  - A provider's change in operating expenses from patient care, including expenses incurred related to coronavirus
  - Payments already received through prior Provider Relief Fund distributions.

All payment recipients will be required to attest to receiving the Phase 3 General Distribution payment and accept the associated Terms and Conditions.

### Application Deadline

**Providers will have *from October 5, 2020 through November 6, 2020* to apply for Phase 3 General Distribution funding.** HHS will continue to host webinars to assist providers through the application process, and the HHS provider support line is also available to address questions.

### Additional Information

<https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/index.html>

For additional information, please go to the website above or call the provider support line at (866) 569-3522; for TTY, dial 711. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central Time. Provider support line staff members are available to provide real-time technical assistance, as well as service and payment support.



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The [website](#) will be updated on or before October 5<sup>th</sup> with application instructions and additional information.

Thank you,  
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