

HHS Provider Relief Fund Application Date Extended to Aug. 3

In June 2020, the U.S. 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.

This week, HHS announced through HRSA, a deadline extension for Medicaid and CHIP (including dental) providers to apply for distributions from the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund until August 3, 2020.

HHS has published information on the [Provider Relief fund website](#) including: [a set of instructions for providers](#) to submit an application and a link to [the portal to complete the application process](#).

Focus Group Opportunity

In addition, HHS and HRSA invite providers to participate in an upcoming focus group sessions on the Provider Relief Fund (PRF). The PRF supports American families, workers, and the heroic healthcare providers in the battle against the COVID-19 outbreak.

The purpose of this focus group is to identify opportunities to increase application volumes in the current Medicaid/CHIP distribution, which is intended to support eligible providers with \$15B in funding. The focus group discussion will center on three topics:

- Awareness of the PRF program and Medicaid/CHIP distribution
- Understanding of program components, such as eligibility
- Technical challenges faced during the application process

This session will be held **Wednesday, July 22**, 3:00 – 4:00 pm ET.

To confirm your participation, please send an email to preston.white@mckinsey.com with your name, email, title, organization and state.

More information can be found on the Medicaid/CHIP distribution at the [PRF website](#) and in the [Medicaid/CHIP distribution fact sheet](#)

As a reminder, for additional COVID-19 resources and updates please visit: <https://healthcurrent.org/ahcccs-covid19/>.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your Health Plan Representative.

