

NOTICE:

HHS Announces Enhanced Provider Portal, Relief Fund Payments for Safety Net Hospitals, Medicaid & CHIP Providers

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) made an announcement on Tuesday, June 9th, 2020, that is important to our providers and we would like to share with you. Here are some main points from the release:

- 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.
- HHS is also announcing the distribution of \$10 billion in Provider Relief Funds to safety net hospitals that serve our most vulnerable citizens. The safety net distribution will occur this week.
- HHS is launching an enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal that will allow eligible Medicaid and CHIP providers to report their annual patient revenue, which will be used as a factor in determining their Provider Relief Fund payment. The payment to each provider will be at least 2 percent of reported gross revenue from patient care; the final amount each provider receives will be determined after the data is submitted, including information about the number of Medicaid patients providers serve.
- To be eligible for this funding, health care providers must not have received payments from the \$50 billion Provider Relief Fund General Distribution and either have directly billed their state Medicaid/CHIP programs or Medicaid managed care plans for healthcare-related services between January 1, 2018, to May 31, 2020. Close to one million health care providers may be eligible for this funding.
- 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>

The announcement includes more information and details. You can find the full announcement on our website under our “Provider Notices” tab or at <https://www.healthchoiceaz.com/providers/provider-announcements/>.

