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PROVIDER TEMPORARY INCENTIVE RATES AND PAYMENTS ATTESTATION SURVEY

Target Audience - Qualified Vendors

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As communicated in the [July 24, 2020, vendor announcement](#), the Division extended the timeframe for the use of temporary incentive rate adjustments until August 31, 2020. As stated, eligible Qualified Vendors must apply for the Provider Relief Fund (PRF) from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to qualify for the rate adjustments from August 1, 2020, to August 31, 2020. This requirement now includes eligible vendors for the Phase 1 funding from Medicare. Originally, the deadline to apply for the PRF was Monday, August 3, 2020. **That deadline has now been extended until August 28, 2020.**

The attestation survey created by the Division has recently been updated to include the new requirements and deadlines. The new survey link can be found here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QV5SQKQ>. **It is due by August 28, 2020.**

IMPORTANT: All vendors must complete the new attestation to qualify for incentive funding, lump-sum incentive payments and rate adjustments in August.

Second Chance for Certain Medicare Providers

DDD vendors who may have received funding a few months ago from HHS related to the Provider Relief Fund for Medicare and thus, are ineligible for the Phase 2 funding for Medicaid. This is the guidance from HHS:

“Starting the week of August 10, HHS will allow Medicare providers who missed the opportunity to apply for additional funding from the \$20 billion portion of the \$50 billion Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution. In April, to expedite providers getting money as quickly as possible, as they faced the financial hardships stemming from suspended elective procedures and other COVID-19 related impacts, HHS, utilizing the Centers for Medicare and Medicare Services (CMS) payment information, distributed \$30 billion directly to Medicare providers proportionate to their share of 2019 Medicare fee-for-service reimbursements. This was part one of the \$50 billion Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution which sought to offer providers financial relief equal to 2 percent of their annual revenues. Providers that do not submit comprehensive cost reports with CMS were asked to submit revenue information to a portal to receive the balance of their 2 percent payment of General Distribution funds. Some providers, including many Medicaid, CHIP, and dental providers with low Medicare revenues, did not complete an application by the deadline for this additional \$20 billion round of funding. HHS, in its principle of ensuring fairness in the administration of the Provider Relief Fund program, is now giving those eligible providers another opportunity to apply for additional funding. They will have until August 28, 2020, to complete an application to be considered for the balance of their additional funding up to 2 percent of their annual patient revenues.”

Medicaid, CHIP, & Dental (Phase 2 General Distribution) Deadline Extension

Eligible Medicaid, Medicaid managed care, CHIP and dental providers can apply for funding of up to 2 percent of reported revenue from patient care. The goal for this opportunity is to reach the remaining providers participating in state Medicaid and CHIP programs that did not receive funding in the Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution as well as certain dental providers. **The deadline for Medicaid vendors has been extended from August 3, 2020, to August 28, 2020.**

HHS has published more information on the [Provider Relief fund website](#).

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