

State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health Bureau of Health Services Financing

MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 26, 2020

TO: Louisiana Medicaid Providers

FROM: Louisiana Medicaid

SUBJECT: HHS Expands Relief Fund Eligibility and Updates Reporting

Requirements

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced the latest Provider Relief Fund (PRF) application has been expanded to include provider applications such as residential facilities, chiropractors, and eye and vision providers that have not yet received PRF distributions.

For a detailed description of all eligible Phase 3 General Distribution provider types, visit the <u>PRF website</u>. These providers and all Phase 3 applicants will have until 11:59 p.m. EST on November 6, 2020 to submit their applications for payment consideration.

HHS is also amending the reporting instructions to increase flexibility around how providers can apply PRF money toward lost revenues attributable to coronavirus. After reimbursing healthcare related expenses attributable to coronavirus that were unreimbursed by other sources, providers may use remaining PRF funds to cover any lost revenue, measured as a negative change in year-over-year actual revenue from patient care related sources. A policy memorandum on the reporting requirement decision can be found here. The amended reporting requirements guidance can be found here.

HHS will hold a webinar on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 2 p.m. CST to provide about additional information to providers and answer questions on the Phase 3 General Distribution of the PRF and on how to use the application portal. Click here to register for the webinar on Monday or to watch a previous webinar.

Additionally, HRSA has released an <u>animated video</u> focused on eligibility and the ease of the application process for the Phase 3 General Distribution.

For further support, providers can call the Health and Human Services Provider Support Line at (866) 569-3522 if they have any questions.