

# A L E R T

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**TO: All Providers**

**RE: HHS Extends Deadline to Apply for Federal Provider Relief Funds**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that it is extending the provider application deadline for the Medicaid and CHIP Provider Relief Fund distribution to **August 3, 2020**.

In June, HHS announced the opening of the application period and plans to distribute allocated funds to eligible providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs who had not yet received a payment from the \$50 billion General Distribution.

As of July 15, 2020, 121 qualifying Medicaid and CHIP eligible providers in Alabama have applied for the Medicaid and CHIP Provider Relief Fund distribution. Of these, 78 Medicaid and CHIP providers have been paid from this distribution.

**HHS created the following resources for providers and provider organizations which answer questions and assist those eligible through the application process:**

- [Fact Sheet](#) (explaining the application process)
- Recorded webinar: <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/providers/index.html>
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (addressing common questions and expanded information on eligibility, application, payment process, etc.)
- [Application, Instructions](#)
- [Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal](#)

Full announcement from HHS, select the following link: <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/07/17/hhs-begin-distributing-10-billion-additional-funding-hospitals-high-impact-covid-19-areas.html>.

If you have questions contact the HHS Provider Support line at (866) 569-3522, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central Time, Monday – Friday.