



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

July 23, 2020

All Providers

Effective Immediately

Provider Relief Fund General Allocation

Great News! U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has extended the deadline to apply for payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Allocation to **August 3, 2020**. HHS is allocating \$15 billion to providers who participate in Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program and have not received a payment from the Provider Relief Fund. As of July 10, less than 2% of the Medicaid/CHIP providers who the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) anticipates are eligible for Provider Relief Fund payments have submitted applications through the portal in most states. We encourage providers to apply even if you are uncertain whether you are eligible.

We have attached an overview and access guide on requirements for eligibility and how to apply. Below are links that can also help with your application.

The application form:

https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/medicaid-provider-distribution-application-form.pdf?utm_campaign=summercovid19provider&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery&fbclid=IwAR39z1_TSY0ufubsJW-pDBfpG103sQyIkP80MI9seZGU6POPGFxTOdb2uKc [hhs.gov]

A set of instructions for providers:

https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/medicaid-provider-distribution-instructions.pdf?utm_campaign=summercovid19provider&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery&fbclid=IwAR3py_Hm_UyD04e6YbGtbMlq4jvFEQUbDGpes8qP1MebPFfKRado1sGYIJY [hhs.gov]

The portal to complete the application process:

https://cares.linkhealth.com/?utm_campaign=summercovid19provider&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery&fbclid=IwAR3ZOq85vVAGsVF_FSh5OIBgzt0zdlreSLtveX5afPme7LMSTDCcLmhbXoo#/ [cares.linkhealth.com]

Contact Information

[If you have any questions or comments, email COVID19Info@mt.gov.](mailto:COVID19Info@mt.gov)

[For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at \(800\) 624-3958 or \(406\) 442-1837 or email MTPRHelpdesk@conduent.com.](tel:8006243958)

[Visit the Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Information website at https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov.](https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov)