



## **HHS ANNOUNCEMENT: NEW PHASE 3 PROVIDER RELIEF FUNDING**

On Friday October 1, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) made the announcement of new funding amount of \$20 Billion for providers on the frontlines of the Coronavirus pandemic. Under the new Phase 3 distribution, providers that have already received Provider Relief fund payments will be invited to apply for additional funding. These funds will be based on financial losses and changes in operating expenses cause by the Coronavirus. Those providers who were previously ineligible such as those who began practicing in 2020, and behavioral health providers, are now being invited to apply.

**Applications for Phase 3 are now being accepted for processing: Beginning Monday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 through Friday November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

Providers who have previously received a payment under the Phase1 or Phase 2 of the General Distribution are eligible to apply for payment if even if they have previously received a disbursement of 2% of annual revenue from patient care. Providers who have not previously received a general distribution payment may also apply for funds if they meet the eligibility criteria. *\*You must have completed all 3 stages of the Phase 2 distribution in order to submit/obtain the link for the application of Phase 3.*

### **Eligibility:**

- Providers who previously received, rejected, or accepted a General Distribution Provider Relief Fund Payment.
- Providers who already received payment of approximately 2% of annual revenue from patient care may submit more information to become eligible for an additional payment.
- Behavioral Health Providers, including those that previously received funding, and new Providers.
- Healthcare providers that began practicing January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020; Includes Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, dentist, assisted living facilities and behavior health providers.

### **Application Process. Apply Early:**

The application process is remarkably similar to that of Phase 2. It will follow the same 3 step process; Verification of TIN, Submit and Upload of Revenue, and Attestation of payment.



Providers are to submit the Phase 3 application through the generated Optum ID portal. The HHS is urging all eligible providers to apply early; **do not wait until the last day or week of the application period.** Applying early will allow the HHS to expedite the review process and payment calculations and ultimately accelerated the distributions of all payments.

The HRSA will calculate an equitable add-on payment that considers the following:

- Provider change in operating revenues from patient care
- Providers change in operating expenses from patient care; including expenses incurred related to coronavirus
- Payments already received through prior Provider Relief Fund Distributions.

To obtain additional information on how to submit an application or if you are interested in having our associates submit an application on your behalf for the Phase 3 Distribution of additional funding, please feel free to contact our office. Should you need help, we will assist as much as we can.

Sincerely,

Your GPA Team.

Supportive links:

- <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/10/1/trump-administration-announces-20-billion-in-new-phase-3-provider-relief-funding.html>
- <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/for-providers/index.html>
- <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/provider-distribution-instructions.pdf>
- <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/terms-and-conditions-phase-3-general-distribution-relief-fund.pdf>