

## **HHS Announces \$20 Billion in New Phase 3 Provider Relief Funding**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced \$20 billion in new funding for providers on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic. Under this Phase 3 General Distribution allocation, providers that have already received Provider Relief Fund payments are invited to apply for additional funding that considers financial losses and changes in operating expenses caused by the coronavirus. For eligible providers, the new Phase 3 General Distribution is designed to balance an equitable payment of 2% of annual revenue from patient care for all applicants plus an add-on payment to account for revenue losses and expenses attributable to COVID-19. Funds cannot be used to reimburse expenses or losses that have been reimbursed from other sources or that other sources are obligated to reimburse.

Providers eligible for Phase 3 General Distribution funding include: 1) Providers who previously received, rejected, or accepted a General Distribution Provider Relief Fund payment. Providers that have already received payments of approximately 2% of annual revenue from patient care may submit more information to become eligible for an additional payment. 2) Behavioral health providers, and 3) Healthcare providers that began practicing January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020. [Applications for Phase 3 General Distribution funding will be accepted from October 5, 2020 through November 6, 2020.](#)

HHS has already issued over \$100 billion in relief funding to providers through prior distributions. Following the Phase 3 General Distribution, \$31 billion will be left in the Provider Relief Fund for future distribution. To view a press release on the Phase 3 General Distribution funding, please [click here](#). For additional information on the Phase 3 General Distribution funding and to register for a webinar to assist providers with the application process, please [click here](#). For more information about the Provider Relief Program, please visit [hhs.gov/providerrelief](https://hhs.gov/providerrelief).