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The below information has been abstracted from the following sources:

American Academy of Family Physicians: <https://www.aafp.org/patient-care/emergency/2019-coronavirus/financial-relief/provider-relief-fund.html#update>

Dept. of Health and Human Services: <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/index.html>

American Medical Association: <https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/public-health/fact-sheet-provider-relief-fund-second-general-distribution>

Medical Group Management Association: <https://www.mgma.com/>

HHS recently announced that additional funding to the Provider Relief Fund(www.hhs.gov) of \$30 billion allocated to clinicians and facilities based on their proportion of Medicare Part A and B fee-for-service spending in 2019.

The agency is now adding \$20 billion for what it describes as a \$50 billion “general allocation.” Physicians may seek this funding and unlike the first round of payments from the \$30 billion fund, these payments will not come automatically and an application is required. The newly allocated relief funding could go quickly given that providers with large patient revenue, including hospitals, are eligible to apply.

HHS is dispersing the additional \$20 billion to providers based on a percentage of each provider’s 2018 net patient revenue from all payors, not just Medicare fee-for-service payments.

- HHS will begin distribution of the remaining \$20 billion of the general distribution to providers to augment their allocation so that the whole \$50 billion general distribution is allocated proportional to providers' share of 2018 net patient revenue.
- Payment to providers from this \$20 billion are calculated so that a provider’s allocation from the entire \$50 billion general distribution will be in proportion to such provider’s 2018 net patient revenue. Total revenues of Medicare facilities and providers in 2018 is estimated to be \$2.5 trillion. Providers can estimate their expected general revenue distribution through the following formula:
- (Individual Provider 2018 Revenue/\$2.5 Trillion) X \$50 Billion = Expected General Distribution

The below two links include an applicant’s User Guide and the Application portal

1. Users Guide: **We encourage you to go through this brief tutorial which describes the application process and the information you will need when you apply**

<https://chameleoncloud.io/review/2977-5ea0af98f0fd0/prod>

2. Application Portal: **If you are a member of a group practice, the application is to be submitted by the practice using the practice’s tax ID.**

<https://covid19.linkhealth.com/docuSign/#/step/1>

Overview of what you will need to have on hand to apply:

- *Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) that has received prior Provider Relief Fund payments*
- *TINs of subsidiary organizations that have received prior Provider Relief Funds but do not file separate tax forms (i.e., subsidiary organizations that are accounted for in the parent organization's tax filing)*
- *Medicare ID*
- *Amount of payments received your share of the initial \$30M. HHS partnered with UnitedHealth Group (UHG) to deliver the stimulus payments, and physicians should contact UHG's Provider Relations at (866) 569-3522 about eligibility, whether a payment has been issued, and where it was sent. The automatic payments will come to the organizations via Optum Bank with "HHSPAYMENT" as the payment description.*
- *Relief Fund payment transaction numbers/check number*
- *Lost March 2020 revenues*
- *Estimated lost April 2020 revenue*
- *A copy of your most recently filed tax forms; see Appendix A: Federal Tax Classification Matrix (you will need to upload the applicable forms)*

Appendix A: Federal Tax Classification Matrix

Federal Tax Classification:	Provide:	From:	On IRS Form:	Upload IRS Form:
Sole Proprietor/Disregarded Entity (LLC)	Gross receipts or Sales	Box 1	1040, Schedule C	1040 and Schedule C
C Corporation	Gross receipts or Sales	Box 1a	1120	1120
S Corporation	Gross receipts or Sales	Box 1a	1120-S	1120-S
Partnership	Gross receipts or Sales	Box 1a	1065	1065
Trust	Gross receipts or Sales	Box 1	1040, Schedule C	1041 and Schedule C
Tax-Exempt Organization	Program Service Revenue	Box 9	990	990

For additional information, recipients should visit hhs.gov/providerrelief or call the CARES Provider Relief line at (866) 569-3522. To learn more about the General Distribution/Provider Relief Portal, read the HHS's [frequently asked questions](#).