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TO: Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICFs/IID)

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SUBJECT: **HHS Extends CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Application Deadline for Medicaid Providers**

The purpose of this memorandum is to make sure you are aware that qualified Medicaid providers have access to federal relief funds for appropriate COVID-19 related expenses or lost revenue due to COVID-19.

Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (PPPCHE), the federal government has allocated \$175 billion in payments to be distributed through the Provider Relief Fund (PRF). However, in order **to receive funds, you must apply.**

These payments do not need to be repaid to the US government, assuming providers comply with the terms and conditions.

Importantly, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has extended the deadline for Medicaid and CHIP providers to apply for funds. The original deadline of July 20 was initially extended to August 3 and based on input from stakeholders, was again extended to **August 28, 2020**. As a reminder, the Medicaid and CHIP portal and application process is for Medicaid and CHIP providers who were not included in the “general” distribution, which was targeted at Medicare providers.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/provider-relief-fund-medicaid-chip-factsheet.pdf>

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCMSMEDICAID/bulletins/2984d77>

<https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/for-providers/index.html>

I hope this information is helpful.