



MEMORANDUM

TO: Valued Providers

FROM: El Paso Health

DATE: June 12, 2020

**RE: COVID-19_ Cares Act Provider Relief Fund to Distribute \$15 Billion
To Medicaid and CHIP Providers**

El Paso Health recognizes the unprecedented impact the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic is having on medical practices throughout our community. As a local health plan, our focus is to continuously provide the necessary tools available in help and support of local Providers during this time. We would like to communicate to our Community Providers that The U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources (HHS) announced additional distributions from the Federal Enhanced Provider Relief Funds for Medicaid and CHIP Providers.

Beginning June 10, eligible Medicaid and CHIP providers can apply to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal. [CARES Provider Relief Fund Portal](#) HHS expects to distribute \$15 Billion to Medicaid/CHIP providers that have not received a payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Allocation. [HHS Announcement](#) also includes the distribution of \$10 billion in Provider Relief Funds to safety net hospitals. **DEADLINE IS JULY 20.**

The payment to each provider will be at least 2 percent of reported gross revenue from patient care; the final amount each provider receives will be determined after the data is submitted, including information about the number of Medicaid patients providers serve. Before applying through the portal, HHS is requesting that applicants do the following:

[Read the Medicaid Provider Distribution Instructions - PDF*](https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/medicaid-provider-distribution-instructions.pdf)
<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/medicaid-provider-distribution-instructions.pdf>

[Download the Medicaid Provider Distribution Application Form - PDF*](https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/medicaid-provider-distribution-application-form.pdf)
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Funding Resources and links:

Cares Act Provider Relief Fund Payment Attestation Portal link
<https://cares.linkhealth.com/#/>



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HHS Announcement link:

<https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/06/09/hhs-announces-enhanced-provider-portal-relief-fund-payments-for-safety-net-hospitals-medicaid-chip-providers.html?language=es>

Texas Medical Association COVID resource webpage for physicians:

<https://www.texmed.org/Coronavirus/>

Please contact our Provider Relations Department at 915-532-3778 for any questions regarding this information.