



State of Louisiana

Louisiana Department of Health

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 11, 2020

TO: Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) Providers
Support Coordination Agencies

FROM: Louisiana Department of Health

SUBJECT: Federal Government Allocates Provider Relief Funding for Medicaid and CHIP Providers

On June 9, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), announced additional distributions from the Provider Relief Fund to eligible Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs. HHS expects to distribute approximately \$15 billion to eligible providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs and have not received a payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Allocation. Home and community-based services providers and behavioral health providers are included in this distribution.

The final amount each provider receives will be determined by provider-submitted data about the number of Medicaid patients served. **Providers should submit annual patient revenue information through HHS's [provider relief fund portal](#).** LDH does not receive or manage this data. If you have inquiries on the data submission or process, contact HHS for additional information.

LDH does encourage Medicaid home and community-based services providers to explore and, if appropriate, act upon this important opportunity for COVID relief funding.

HHS also announced the distribution of \$10 billion in Provider Relief Funds to safety net hospitals and will be sent via direct deposit beginning the week of June 8, 2020. Safety net hospitals will receive a minimum award of \$5 million and a maximum of \$50 million.

Read Medicaid's [Informational Bulletin 20-8: Federal COVID-19 Provider Funding Information](#) for more information on federal funding, or visit hhs.gov/provider-relief.