

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Provider Relief Fund

Allocation of the \$100 billion to Health and Human Services...

1. \$50 billion of the Provider Relief Fund is allocated for general distribution to Medicare facilities and providers impacted by COVID-19, based on eligible providers' 2018 net patient revenue.
 - Of this, \$30 billion was distributed earlier in April ([see related AAOS FAQ](#))
 - Remaining \$20 billion will go to providers with a relatively small share of their revenue coming from Medicare fee-for-service, such as children's hospitals
 - Payments will go out weekly, on a rolling basis, as information is validated starting on April 24, 2020
2. \$10 billion allocation for covid-19 high impact areas
 - \$10 billion will be allocated for a targeted distribution to hospitals in areas that have been particularly impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak such as hospitals serving COVID-19 patients in New York.
 - Hospitals will need to apply through a portal that is live.
3. Allocation for the uninsured
 - Health care providers who provided treatment for uninsured COVID-19 patients on or after February 4, 2020, can request claims reimbursement and will be reimbursed at Medicare rates, subject to available funding through HRSA
 - Providers can register for the program on April 27, 2020 and begin submitting claims in early May 2020. For more information, visit hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim
4. \$10 billion allocation for rural providers
 - \$10 billion will be allocated for rural health clinics and hospitals on the basis of operating expenses, using a methodology that distributes payments proportionately to each facility and clinic.
5. \$400 million for Indian Health Service
 - \$400 million will be allocated for Indian Health Service facilities, distributed on the basis of operating expenses in addition to support for

telehealth infrastructure

6. Some providers, including skilled nursing facilities, dentists, and providers that solely take Medicaid will receive further, separate funding.

For more information, visit <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/04/22/hhs-announces-additional-allocations-of-cares-act-provider-relief-fund.html>

Allocation of the \$165 million to mitigate the impact on rural communities...

On April 22, 2020 the Department of Health and Human Services announced a new award of \$165 million to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on rural communities. The funds were appropriated by the CARES Act to the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Federal Office of Rural Health Policy (FORHP) and will be distributed to 1,779 small rural hospitals to increase capacity for COVID-19 pandemic preparedness. This includes expanding telehealth, purchasing personal protective equipment, and increasing testing capacity. Additionally, funds were provided to 14 HRSA-funded Telehealth Resource Centers across the country to offer technical assistance to rural and underserved areas implementing telehealth care.

For more information, visit <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/04/22/hhs-awards-nearly-165-million-to-combat-covid19-pandemic-in-rural-communities.html>