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Provider Relief Fund Update: HHS Changes Reporting and Use of Funds Deadlines

On June 11, 2021, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued new guidance on Provider Relief Fund (PRF) reporting and the deadline for providers to use their funds. Provider recipients can now begin submitting information in the PRF Reporting Portal on July 1, 2021. Recipients are required to report for each “payment received period” in which they received one or more payments exceeding, in the aggregate, \$10,000. Additionally, HHS removed the deadline that all funds be used by June 30, 2021. The deadline to use funds is now based on the date payments were deposited. See the charts below for specific guidance on reporting requirements and use of funds deadlines.

Summary of use and reporting timeline

| | Payment Received Period (Payments exceeding \$10,000 in aggregate received) | Deadline to use funds |
|----------|--|------------------------------|
| Period 1 | From April 10 to June 30, 2020 | June 30, 2021 |
| Period 2 | From July 1 to December 31, 2020 | December 31, 2021 |
| Period 3 | From January 1 to June 30, 2021 | June 30, 2022 |
| Period 4 | From July 1 to December 31, 2021 | December 31, 2022 |

Estimated time period providers received PRFs

| | Time period providers received PRFs |
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| Phase 1 – General distribution | From April to June 2020 |
| Phase 2 – General distribution | From June to November 2020 |
| Phase 3 – General distribution | From December 2020 to current (payments for Phase 3 are still being sent to providers) |
| Target distribution (see below for more detail) | From April 2020 to current (Targeted distributions could have been received during any Payment Received Period) |

| Targeted distribution | Time period providers started to receive targeted distribution *Note: Targeted distributions could have been received any time after the dates below. |
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| Allocation for COVID-19 high-impact distributions | First round: May 7, 2020 Second round: July 17, 2020 |
| Allocation for rural distributions | First round: May 6, 2020 Second round: July 10, 2020 |
| Allocation for skilled nursing facilities | May 22, 2020 |
| Allocation for nursing home infection control | August 27, 2020 |
| Allocation for nursing home quality incentive payment program | October 28, 2020 |
| Allocation for tribal hospitals, clinics and urban health centers | May 29, 2020 |
| Allocation for safety net hospitals | First round: June 9, 2020 Second round: July 10, 2020 |
| Allocation for children’s hospitals | August 14, 2020 |

What this means to you

The charts should be useful in guiding providers to determine their deadline to report and use their PRFs. Providers should verify the date PRF payments were deposited in their accounts as the last two charts are estimates provided by HHS. Additionally, providers may have received targeted distributions during any “Payment Received Period” as HHS indicated that targeted distributions are still being sent to providers. Once a provider determines the exact date it received PRFs, the provider can use the first chart to determine the deadline to report and use the funds.

Contact us

For further guidance on due dates or requirements surrounding PRF, please contact Ellee Cochran, Joe Geraci, Alison Hollender, Eric Weatherford, John Gramlich or your Husch Blackwell attorney.

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