



The State of Illinois and the Federal Government have been rolling out financial assistance programs designed to provide financial relief to medical practices and other small businesses that are negatively affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The programs have included opportunities for physician practices to pursue low interest loans, advance payments that will be recouped during future payment cycles, and non-repayable payments that require attestation of eligibility and acceptance of certain terms and conditions.

The following programs are open now for eligible physicians. Check back frequently as this information will be updated as new funding opportunities are introduced and existing opportunities expire.

Name	What is available	Sponsor/ Authority	Requirements	Application Process	Additional information
CARES Act Provider Relief Fund – Phase 2 General Disbursement Opportunity for practices that did not pursue or were ineligible for initial round of general funding	Non-repayable payments of up to 2% of reported revenue from patient care. 2% is cumulative across phases of General Disbursement funding.	CARES Act designated \$100 billion in funding for Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund. First distribution of \$30 billion disbursed to TINs April 10 and April 17. Additional \$20 billion allocation began distribution on April 24 to supplement payments already received through the program. Second opportunity to apply for additional allocation opened August 10.	Additional opportunity to apply for up to 2% of reported revenue from patient care available to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Medicare Part A providers who were ineligible for initial General Distribution because they underwent a change in ownership and had no Medicare fee-for-service revenue in 2019 or 2020 Providers who received a payment under the General Distribution but missed the June 3 deadline to submit revenue information Providers who rejected or returned General Distribution funds and are now interested in reapplying. <p>Medicaid, CHIP, and dental providers with low Medicare revenues who received funds from the General Distribution are eligible for this additional distribution.</p> <p>Targeted funding for Medicaid/CHIP/Dental providers described below has been merged with this disbursement opportunity.</p> <p>Practices must have billed Medicaid or CHIP between January 2018 and December 2019.</p> <p>Applicants must also have provided patient care after January 1, 2020, and have not permanently ceased patient care operations.</p> <p>Practices must submit revenue information via CMS portal to initiate payment.</p> <p>Practices that have already received Provider Relief Funds from the General Allocation are eligible to apply for additional funds.</p>	Deadline is September 13. Payment Attestation Portal: https://cares.linkhealth.com/#/	https://www.hhs.gov/provider-relief/index.html General Distribution FAQ: https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/20200425-general-distribution-portal-faqs.pdf CARES Provider Relief line (866) 569-3522

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<p>CARES Act Provider Relief Fund – Medicaid and CHIP Targeted Distribution</p> <p>Update: Effective August 10, the process for applying for these funds has been merged with “Phase 2” of the General Distribution Allocations described above.</p>	<p>Non-repayable payments of at least 2% of gross revenue from patient care made to practices and organizations that billed state Medicaid or CHIP programs, or Medicaid managed care programs, between January 1, 2018 and December 31, 2019.</p>	<p>CARES Act designated \$100 billion in funding for Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund; additional \$75 billion allocated in subsequent legislation. Approximately \$15 billion is available for physicians and other providers who participate in Medicaid and CHIP.</p>	<p>Practices must have billed Medicaid or CHIP between January 2018 and December 2019.</p> <p>Applicants must also have provided patient care after January 1, 2020, and have not permanently ceased patient care operations.</p> <p>Practices must submit revenue information via CMS portal to initiate payment.</p> <p>Practices that have already received Provider Relief Funds from the General Allocation are eligible to apply for additional funds.</p>	<p>Deadline is September 13, 2020.</p> <p>Eligible practices must use the Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal to report patient revenue data to initiate payment and enable CMS to calculate payment amount.</p> <p>Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal: https://cares.linkhealth.com/#/</p> <p>Supplemental information is available: Medicaid Provider Distribution Information Medicaid Provider Distribution Application Form</p>	<p>https://www.hhs.gov/provider-relief/index.html</p> <p>CARES Provider Relief line: (866) 569-3522</p>
<p>HRSA COVID-19 Claims Reimbursement</p>	<p>Reimbursement based on Medicare rates for testing and treatment of COVID-related illness for patients who are uninsured.</p>	<p>Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) and CARES Act</p>	<p>Practice must enroll as a “provider participant” prior to submitting claims, and must verify uninsured status of patient seen for COVID-related testing or treatment on or after February 4, and that no other payer will cover the costs.</p> <p>Note: Illinois Medicaid received waiver approval to cover COVID testing for all uninsured residents, effective March 18, 2020. Practices that provided testing for uninsured patients after March 18 may seek reimbursement for these services from HFS. This waiver does not apply to COVID treatment costs.</p>	<p>Physicians and other health care providers must sign up to participate in the program. https://coviduninsuredclaim.linkhealth.com/</p> <p>All claims and payments must be handled electronically.</p>	<p>https://www.hrsa.gov/coviduninsuredclaim</p> <p>Provider Support Line: 866-569-3522</p>
<p>Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (existing SBA loan program)</p>	<p>Low-interest loans of up to \$2 million to support business operations negatively impacted by COVID-19 pandemic.</p>	<p>Existing SBA loan program</p> <p>Additional funding made available through Paycheck Protection and Healthcare Enhancement Act, Public Law 116-139</p>	<p>Businesses with fewer than 500 employees. Includes sole proprietors and independent contractors.</p>	<p>Streamlined application process is open now. https://covid19relief.sba.gov/#/</p> <p>May also apply through banks that handle SBA loans.</p>	<p>https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19</p>