



HHS Announces \$30 Billion in Immediate Funding for Healthcare Providers

Funds will be distributed to Medicare FFS providers via direct deposit beginning April 10, 2020

Today, the Trump administration announced it will begin immediately distributing \$30 billion in funds from the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund. This funding is intended to support healthcare-related expenses or lost revenue attributable to COVID-19. The US Oncology Network had previously sent a [letter to Secretary Azar](#) requesting targeted relief for healthcare providers affected by the COVID-19 crisis.

Here are the details you need to know:

- The payments will arrive via direct deposit beginning April 10, 2020.
- These are payments, not loans, and will not need to be repaid.
- All providers that received Medicare fee-for-service (FFS) reimbursements in 2019 are eligible.
- All relief payments are made to the billing organization (not the individual) according to its Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN).
- The payments will post from Optum Bank with “HHSPAYMENT” as the payment description.
- Allocations are proportionately based on how much a provider billed Medicare FFS in 2019.
- These funds are also conditioned on the healthcare provider's acceptance of HHS' [Terms and Conditions](#).
 - Within 30 days of receiving the payment, providers must sign an attestation confirming receipt of the funds and agreeing to the terms and conditions of payment.
 - The portal for signing the attestation is now open, [HERE](#).
 - Additional guidance from HHS on the terms and conditions of the payment is forthcoming. We encourage practices to consult with legal counsel before attesting.

To read the HHS announcement, [CLICK HERE](#).

To read The Network's statement on the Provider Relief Fund, [CLICK HERE](#).

To read The Network's March 31 letter to Secretary Azar, [CLICK HERE](#).

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