



HHS Announces Additional Allocations of Provider Relief Fund, Senate Approves Another \$484 Billion in COVID-19 Relief

Additional provider relief funds to be distributed as early as April 24

This afternoon, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced additional allocations from the \$100 billion CARES Act Provider Relief Fund. While many of the operational details remain uncertain, HHS has indicated the following allocations:

- \$20 billion in general allocations to providers based on 2018 net patient revenue (this funding is supplemental to the \$30 billion provided beginning April 10)
 - These payments will be distributed to providers beginning April 24; providers who receive their money automatically must sign an attestation confirming receipt of funds, agree to the terms and conditions of payment, and confirm their 2018 revenue information
- \$10 billion for providers in COVID-19 high impact areas
- Unspecified allocation for the COVID-related treatment of uninsured patients, which will reimburse providers at Medicare rates
- \$10 billion for rural health clinics and hospitals
- \$400 million for the Indian Health Service

To read the press release from HHS, [CLICK HERE](#).

Additionally, yesterday, the Senate passed H.R. 266, the Paycheck Protection Program and Healthcare Enhancement Act, which provides an additional \$484 billion in COVID-19-related funding for the following programs:

- \$310 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program, including \$60 billion directed toward small, midsize, and community lenders
- \$60 billion for the Economic Injury Loan Disaster Fund
- \$75 billion for the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund
- \$25 billion for COVID-19 testing

The House of Representatives is expected to pass the Senate bill tomorrow, April 23, and the president is expected to sign it. There is no additional information at this time as to how the new funding for the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund will be allocated.

To read the full text of H.R. 266, [CLICK HERE](#).

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