

To: TennCare and CoverKids Providers

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Subject: HHS Extends Deadline for Medicaid, CHIP and Dental Provider Relief Funds

If you are a provider who participates in TennCare and/or CoverKids and have not applied for funds through the Provider Relief Fund the deadline has been extended.

As a reminder, HHS has allotted \$15 billion dollars from the CARES Act to be distributed to support providers who participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs.

The deadline to apply for this funding has been extended to August 28, 2020. To apply, visit the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Portal at www.hhs.gov/providerrelief and choose "For Providers". This funding is available to a wide array of providers who meet the criteria. Physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, skilled therapists (including respiratory, occupational, speech, and physical therapists), nurses, behavioral health professionals, oral health professionals, pharmacy service professionals, and other providers may be eligible.

Note that the Medicaid/CHIP provider portal is specifically for providers who participate in state Medicaid or CHIP programs and who have not received provider relief funding from the Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution.

For providers who have received funding from the Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution, HHS is reopening the General Distribution funding application. Providers, including Medicaid and CHIP providers, who have received funding from the Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution can submit an application to determine if they are eligible for additional funding. **The extended application period for the Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution fund is August 10 – August 28.**

For more information on who is eligible and how to apply, see the HHS provider resource page online at: <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/for-providers/index.html>.

TennCare will continue to provide updates if we receive them, but as a reminder, **this funding is being administered through a federal program by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.** Please continue to visit their website or reach out to the HHS contacts for any questions you may have.