Florida Medicaid/Long-Term Care (LTC): Important Funding Announcement for all Medicaid Providers

For all Medicaid and CHIP providers: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced additional distributions from the Provider Relief Fund to eligible providers that participate in the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Programs.

HHS is Planning Two Webinars Next Week for Providers on Medicaid Provider Relief Portal and Application Process

Register today for the *Getting started with the Provider Relief Fund for Medicaid and CHIP Distribution* Webinars. These will help providers understand how to use the Medicaid provider relief portal and submit applications to the portal. These webinars will be held on the dates below, and you can register for each by following the links provided.

- Tuesday, June 23, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Register Here
- Thursday, June 25, 2:00 p.m. Eastern Register Here

Funding Overview

On June 10, HHS is launching an enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal that will allow eligible Medicaid and CHIP providers to report their annual patient revenue, which will be used as a factor in determining their Provider Relief Fund payment. The payment to each provider will be at least 2 percent of reported gross revenue from patient care; the final amount each provider receives will be determined after the data is submitted, including information about the number of Medicaid patients providers serve.

To be eligible for this funding, providers must not have received payments from the \$50 billion Provider Relief Fund General Distribution and must have billed their state Medicaid/CHIP programs or managed care plans for healthcare-related services from January 1, 2018 through May 31, 2020.

Other terms and conditions may apply. Please see the HHS announcement at https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2020/06/09/hhs-announces-enhanced-provider-portal-relief-fund-payments-for-safety-net-hospitals-medicaid-chip-providers.html.

HHS has posted additional information to their website regarding this funding opportunity for Medicaid and CHIP providers. The updated information includes:

- A <u>set of instructions for providers</u>, including a deadline of July 20, 2020 to submit an application
- The <u>application form</u>; and
- The <u>enhanced provider relief fund portal</u> to complete the application process.

HHS has also posted FAQs on their website providing additional information that providers may find useful. Those FAQs can be found at https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/fags/index.html.

Please note that the FAQs specific to Medicaid and CHIP providers are near the bottom of the FAQ page under the header, "Medicaid Targeted Distribution."

Agency COVID-19 Website

As a reminder, the Agency's COVID-19 alert website ensures providers have all Agency guidance in one centralized location. The website can be accessed through the following link: http://ahca.myflorida.com/covid-19_alerts.shtml