



Reimbursement & Policy

HHS announces additional relief for hospitals, providers

In less than 24 hours, HHS has **announced** two new relief initiatives for hospitals totaling \$20 billion as well as an additional \$15 billion in relief funds for providers.

The first distribution will be focused on those hospitals “particularly affected by the increased burden of caring for those COVID-19.” While this seems like another distribution for hospitals in hot spots, HHS is asking all hospitals to submit data to help inform how the funds will be distributed.

The data includes the total number of COVID-19 positive inpatient admissions from Jan. 1 – June 10, 2020 and must be reported by 7a MT on Monday, June 15 via TeleTracking to be considered for the distribution.

A second \$10 billion distribution is being made to hospitals serving higher volumes of patients traditionally identified in the Medicare Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) adjustment program or providing larger amounts of uncompensated care. Funds will automatically be sent to eligible hospitals beginning this week. Payments will be at least \$5 million and up to \$50 million per eligible facility. HHS has used cost report data to determine eligibility focusing this distribution on hospitals with:

- a Medicare Disproportionate Payment Percentage (DPP) of 20.2% or greater;
- average uncompensated care per bed of \$25,000 or more. For example, a hospital with 100 beds would need to provide \$2.5 million in uncompensated care in a year to meet this requirement; **and**
- profitability of 3% or less, as reported to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in the most recently filed cost report.

Tomorrow, HHS expects to launch a new portal for Medicaid and CHIP providers to report their annual patient revenue which will be used to determine their relief payment. This is the second distribution to providers participating in state Medicaid and CHIP programs and is intended to reach those who did not receive funding in the first round.

Approximately \$15 billion is being made available to clinicians, including pediatricians, obstetrician-gynecologists, dentists, opioid treatment and behavioral health providers, assisted living facilities and other home and community-based services providers.

Resources & Equipment

Resource ~ What Patients Should Know

CMS has provided a [patient guide](#) for those considering in-person, non-emergent treatment as hospitals continue to resume their full breadth of services.

Virtual Meetings, Education & Updates

WEBINAR ~ Joint Commission Update

Our associates at the Massachusetts Health & Hospital Association are opening this free webinar to IHA members. Joint Commission surveys, which have been on hold, are resuming with new conditions. Hear from staff at The Joint Commission on the changes to the survey process.

Joint Commission Update: Surveys in the Age of COVID-19
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