Florida Medicaid Health Care Alert
August 12, 2020

Provider Type(s): All

REMINDER: IMPORTANT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ALL MEDICAID PROVIDERS

NEW WEBINAR 8/13 *** 17 DAYS LEFT TO APPLY

NEW! HHS has announced another webinar for Thursday, August 13, 2020 at 3 PM ET for providers to learn more about the application process. Please register for this webinar at: https://webex.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1354695&tp_key=b56041b5d4

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO AUG. 28: The federal government has extended the deadline to apply for Medicaid/CHIP Provider Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payments until August 28, 2020.

REMINDER! Second Chance for Certain Medicare Providers. Starting the week of August 10, HHS is allowing Medicare providers who missed the opportunity to apply for additional funding from the $20 billion portion of the $50 billion Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution. Providers will have until August 28, 2020, to complete an application to be considered for the balance of their additional funding up to 2 percent of their annual patient revenues.

REMINDER! Payments for Providers Who Had a Change in Ownership. Starting the week of August 10, HHS is allowing providers who experienced a change in ownership in 2019 or 2020 under Medicare Part A who did not have Medicare Fee-For-Service revenue in 2019 to submit their revenue information, along with documentation proving a change in ownership, by August 28 for consideration for a Provider Relief Fund payment.

Relief Fund Payments for New Providers. HHS is currently working to address relief payments to new providers in 2020 along with those that have yet to receive any funding for a variety of reasons, including the fact that they may only bill commercially, or do not directly bill for the services they provide under the Medicare and Medicaid programs and thus have not receive any funding yet. HHS
has advised that future announcements will be provided as additional information becomes available.

**License Number Issue is Fixed:** The requirement to input a license number during the application process has been resolved. Medicaid providers that are not licensed can put NA in the license field.

**Previously Recorded Webinars:** HHS has posted a recording of past webinars for providers who were unable to attend. These recordings can be accessed here: [https://webex.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1334682&tp_key=9dd6d30493](https://webex.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1334682&tp_key=9dd6d30493)

**Updated FAQs:** HHS has posted updated FAQs to address questions submitted during the previous webinars. The updated FAQs can be found here: [FAQs](https://webex.webcasts.com/starthere.jsp?ei=1334682&tp_key=9dd6d30493)

**Fact sheet to Help Providers:** The Agency has created a fact sheet with key information for providers. It is posted at: [http://ahca.myflorida.com/docs/CARES_Act_Medicaid-CHIP_Funds_Factsheet.pdf](http://ahca.myflorida.com/docs/CARES_Act_Medicaid-CHIP_Funds_Factsheet.pdf)

**Funding Overview:** HHS launched an enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal that allows 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.

For more information, please visit [www.HHS.gov/providerrelief](http://www.HHS.gov/providerrelief)

**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](http://ahca.myflorida.com/covid-19_alerts.shtml)