



MONTANA HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS NOTICE

October 27, 2020

All Providers

Effective Immediately

Provider Relief Fund General Allocation

Great News! U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has announced \$20 billion in new funding for providers on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic.

Under this Phase 3 General Distribution allocation, providers that have already received Provider Relief Fund payments will be invited to apply for additional funding that considers financial losses and changes in operating expenses caused by the coronavirus. Previously ineligible providers, such as those who began practicing in 2020 will also be invited to apply, and an expanded group of behavioral health providers confronting the emergence of increased mental health and substance use issues exacerbated by the pandemic will also be eligible for relief payments.

Providers will have from October 5, 2020 through November 6, 2020 to apply for Phase 3 General Distribution funding.

Eligibility:

- Providers who previously received, rejected, or accepted a General Distribution Provider Relief Fund payment. Providers that have already received payments of approximately 2% of annual revenue from patient care may submit more information to become eligible for an additional payment.
- Behavioral Health providers, including those that previously received funding and new providers.
- Healthcare providers that began practicing January 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020. This includes Medicare, Medicaid, CHIP, dentists, assisted living facilities, and behavioral health providers.

Below are links to information resources that can help with your application.

Information Resources:

- [CARES Act Provider Relief Fund: For Providers](#)
- [New Phase 3 Provider Relief Funding](#)
- [Payment Portal and User Guide](#)

Contact Information

[If you have any questions or comments, email COVID19Info@mt.gov](mailto:COVID19Info@mt.gov)

[For claims questions or additional information, contact Montana Provider Relations at \(800\) 624-3958 or \(406\) 442-1837 or email MTPRHhelpdesk@conduent.com.](tel:(800)624-3958)

[Visit the Montana Healthcare Programs Provider Information website at https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov.](https://medicaidprovider.mt.gov)