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PROVIDER UPDATE

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To: IMCare Providers
From: Sarah Duell, IMCare Director
Date: June 11, 2020
RE: COVID-19 Relief Fund Payments for Medicaid Providers

On June 9, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced additional distributions from the \$50 billion Provider Relief Fund.

Approximately \$15 billion will go to eligible Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs and that have not already received funds from the Provider Relief Fund. These payments will not be made automatically. Providers need to go to the federal portal to apply for this support. Eligible providers must have directly billed either their state Medicaid/CHIP programs (DHS) or Medicaid-managed care plans for health care-related services during the period of January 1, 2018, to May 31, 2020. Nearly one million providers may be eligible across the country. IMCare encourages our network providers to apply for this support. More information about eligibility and the application process is available at <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/general-information/index.html>

HHS also announced the distribution of \$10 billion in Provider Relief Funds to safety net hospitals, those hospitals that serve our most vulnerable citizens. Recognizing the incredibly thin margins these organizations operate on, these payments will be made directly to hospitals this week via direct deposit.

More information about the requirements and distributions is available online at the HHS website. <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>

Information is changing rapidly, please continue to monitor provider updates and our website for the most accurate, up to date information. If you have questions, please reach out or encourage members to reach out, to our call center at 218-327-6188, toll-free at 1-800-843-9536 or email imcare.office@co.itasca.mn.us.