

## AMA: HHS extends deadline to accept terms and conditions for Provider Relief Fund payments by 15 days

**May 7, 2020** – The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has extended the deadline for health care providers to attest to receipt of payments from the Provider Relief Fund and accept the [Terms and Conditions](#), the American Medical Association said today.

Providers will now have 45 days, increased from 30 days, from the date they receive a payment to attest and accept the Terms and Conditions or return the funds. As an example, the initial 30-day deadline for providers who received payment on April 10, 2020, is extended to May 24 from May 9, 2020. With the extension, not returning the payment within 45 days of receipt of payment will be viewed as acceptance of the Terms and Conditions.

The funds are being provided to health care providers fighting the COVID-19 pandemic through the bipartisan *CARES Act* and *Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act*, which provide \$175 billion in relief funds to hospitals and other health care providers. This funding will be used to support health care-related expenses or lost revenue attributable to COVID-19 and to ensure uninsured Americans can get treatment for COVID-19.

In allocating the funds, HHS is working, among other things, to address the economic harm across the entire health care system due to the stoppage of elective procedures, as well as the economic impact on providers particularly impacted by COVID-19, and to do so as quickly and transparently as possible.

Visit [hhs.gov/providerrelief](https://hhs.gov/providerrelief) for more information on the allocations. Recipients of payments from any of these allocations must attest and accept the Terms and Conditions within 45 days.

### Background:

- HHS is distributing \$50 billion across the health care system to providers and facilities that bill Medicare.
- Recognizing the financial strain from COVID-19 inpatient admissions, HHS is distributing \$12 billion to hospitals that reported at least 100 COVID-19 inpatient admissions through April 10 to HHS.
- HHS is distributing \$10 billion to rural hospitals and clinics.
- HHS is distributing \$400 million to tribal healthcare providers.
- HHS is using a portion of the Provider Relief Fund to reimburse health care providers, at Medicare rates, for COVID-related treatment of the uninsured.
- HHS is working to provide relief to additional health care providers including skilled nursing facilities, dentists, and other providers significantly impacted by COVID-19.

