

To: All Providers Participating in the Nebraska Medicaid Program
From: Jeremy Brunssen, Interim Director 
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Re: Provider Relief Funds – Additional Application Opportunities

This bulletin is being issued in follow up [Provider Bulletin 20-25](#) and in response the announcement from HHS on July 31, 2020 announcing their [extension](#) of the deadline for qualifying Medicaid & CHIP providers to apply for the Medicaid & CHIP Provider Relief Fund distribution. The new deadline is August 28, 2020.

In addition to extending this deadline, CMS also announced that starting the week of August 10, HHS will give another opportunity to Medicare providers who missed the original opportunity to apply for additional funding from the \$20 billion portion of the \$50 billion Phase 1 Medicare General Distribution. Some providers, including many Medicaid, CHIP, and dental providers with low Medicare revenues, did not complete an application by the original deadline. They will now 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.

Additionally, owners of provider practices who experienced financial challenges as a result of a change in ownership can also apply for relief funds. Many of the original payments sent for these providers from HHS were sent to previous owners, due to data from past payments. Applications for these owners are available from August 10 to August 28.

More details on these updated are available in a press release from HHS, linked below:

- [HHS Press Release](#)

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