



**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Bureau of Health Services Financing

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** December 23, 2020

**TO:** Louisiana Medicaid Providers

**FROM:** Louisiana Medicaid

**SUBJECT:** HHS begins distributing over \$24 billion in Phase 3 COVID-19 Provider Relief Funding

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), has announced the completion of the review of Phase 3 applications from the Provider Relief Fund (PRF) program and will now distribute \$24.5 billion to over 70,000 providers. Up from the \$20 billion originally planned, the addition of another \$4.5 billion in funding is being used to meet close to 90 percent of each applicant's reported lost revenues and net change in expenses caused by the coronavirus pandemic in the first half of 2020. **Payment distribution started December 16, 2020, and will continue through January 2021.**

HHS was pleased to find in its analysis that providers disproportionately impacted by this pandemic applied and will be receiving another infusion of financial relief. This distribution is to providers who applied during the Phase 3 PRF application period. Providers can not currently apply for this funding. The purpose of this memo is to make providers aware of the distribution and additional funds allocated to this distribution of funds. The application period for Phase 3 closed in November.

The full HHS announcement regarding the beginning of the distribution of funds is available [here](#).

Providers should call the Health and Human Services Provider Support Line at (866) 569-3522 if they have any questions or need additional assistance.