

The CARES Act created a Provider Relief Fund to distribute federal funds to providers in response to COVID-19. HHS issued this News Release regarding the distribution of \$15 billion to Medicaid providers.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCMSMEDICAID/bulletins/28fd559>

Providers will now be able to go to a portal to request funds at the following link:

<https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/for-providers/index.html>

Providers who are eligible will have delivered health cares to Medicaid recipients and directly billed a state Medicaid program or Medicaid managed care plan between January 1, 2018 and May 31, 2020. Also, providers must not have received funding for the earlier \$50 billion release of funds to Medicare providers.

The Ohio Department of Medicaid worked with the Ohio Office of Budget and Management, Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, Ohio Department of Aging, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, and Ohio's Medicaid managed care organizations to submit information to CMS to enable providers' eligibility to receive this enhanced funding.

More information about the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund may be found at:

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/medicaid-provider-distribution-instructions.pdf>