

To: TennCare and CoverKids Providers

Date: June 10, 2020

Subject: Department of Health and Human Services Announced Additional Provider Relief Fund Distribution for Medicaid and CHIP Providers

TennCare wanted to make sure that our registered TennCare providers are aware of recent guidance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) regarding new federal dollars that are being made available to eligible Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) providers. On June 9th, HHS announced details regarding additional distributions from the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund to providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP programs. If you participate in the TennCare or CoverKids program, you may be eligible for these funds that are being provided directly by the federal government.

According to details shared by HHS, to be eligible for this funding, health care providers must not have received payments from the \$50 billion Provider Relief Fund General Distribution and either have directly billed their state Medicaid/CHIP programs or Medicaid managed care plans for health care-related services between January 1, 2018, to May 31, 2020. You can find more information by viewing the official announcement online at <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>.

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>

To access the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Portal please visit <https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/for-providers/index.html>.

TennCare will continue to provide updates if we receive them, but as a reminder, this funding is being administered through a federal program by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Please continue to visit their website or reach out to the HHS contacts for any questions you may have.