

HHS Begins Distribution of COVID-19 Relief Payment to Rural Providers

On May 1, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services [announced](#) it is processing \$10 billion in COVID-19 relief payments to rural acute care general hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals (CAHs), Rural Health Clinics (RHCs), and Community Health Centers (CHCs) located in rural areas.

Eligible providers will receive funds via direct deposit, starting May 6, 2020, based on their physical address reported to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The AAFP is committed to helping improve rural health care and thanks the Congress for allocating \$10 billion to rural providers and commends HHS for promptly releasing these funds.

RHCs and CHCs will each receive a minimum base payment of \$100,000 plus a portion of their annual expenses. The base payment will account for RHCs with no Medicare claims, and CHCs lacking expense data, by ensuring that all clinical, non-hospital sites receive a minimum level of support no less than \$100,000, with additional payment based on operating expenses. These funds do not need to be repaid.

Rural acute care general hospitals and CAHs will receive a minimum level of support of no less than \$1,000,000, with additional payment based on operating expenses.

The funds breakdown as follows:

| State | Providers | Total Relief | State | Providers | Total Relief | State | Providers | Total Relief |
|-------|-----------|---------------|-------|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| AK | 208 | \$68,972,235 | KY | 542 | \$372,344,760 | OH | 216 | \$368,963,066 |
| AL | 175 | \$191,352,394 | LA | 218 | \$223,857,772 | OK | 163 | \$281,789,986 |
| AR | 198 | \$205,487,300 | MA | 22 | \$24,042,514 | OR | 165 | \$172,109,975 |
| AS | 7 | \$4,750,227 | MD | 37 | \$25,405,516 | PA | 156 | \$231,148,801 |
| AZ | 84 | \$82,972,054 | ME | 121 | \$131,501,672 | PR | 13 | \$4,623,197 |
| CA | 369 | \$311,647,052 | MI | 249 | \$326,157,529 | PW | 10 | \$1,032,532 |
| CO | 135 | \$188,591,539 | MN | 118 | \$384,629,780 | SC | 180 | \$140,650,120 |
| CT | 16 | \$16,217,068 | MO | 347 | \$296,171,641 | SD | 90 | \$167,175,685 |
| DE | 6 | \$17,818,809 | MP | 2 | \$4,443,532 | TN | 289 | \$239,988,892 |
| FL | 200 | \$108,863,898 | MS | 282 | \$316,934,042 | TX | 393 | \$634,362,996 |
| FM | 13 | \$1,342,292 | MT | 121 | \$199,485,740 | UT | 56 | \$82,861,906 |
| GA | 240 | \$328,109,310 | NC | 254 | \$282,581,596 | VA | 105 | \$134,382,928 |
| GU | 3 | \$12,354,323 | ND | 59 | \$135,152,313 | VI | 8 | \$9,328,507 |
| HI | 56 | \$58,161,937 | NE | 109 | \$272,150,859 | VT | 80 | \$74,634,526 |
| IA | 177 | \$383,318,585 | NH | 40 | \$115,434,234 | WA | 151 | \$199,457,474 |
| ID | 92 | \$122,769,973 | NJ | 12 | \$8,124,111 | WI | 170 | \$363,511,733 |
| IL | 228 | \$352,227,994 | NM | 160 | \$114,184,099 | WV | 283 | \$159,588,044 |
| IN | 140 | \$249,327,873 | NV | 21 | \$51,470,536 | WY | 43 | \$99,430,914 |
| KS | 201 | \$382,376,872 | NY | 155 | \$264,224,734 | TOTAL | 7,988 | \$10,000,000,000 |

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