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Deadline Extended Medicaid And CHIP Provider Relief Fund

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Lincoln – The deadline for qualified Medicaid and CHIP providers to apply for the Medicaid & CHIP Provider Relief Fund distribution has been extended. The Centers for Medicare/Medicaid Services (CMS) set a new deadline of August 3, 2020. The Nebraska Medicaid program encourages providers to apply.

To ensure that all qualifying providers are aware of the opportunity, as well as the new application deadline, Medicaid is reaching out to medical, behavioral, dental, and long-term services and supports (LTSS) providers to remind them that they can begin the application process at this time.

To support these efforts, included below some resources that the Health Resources and Services (HRSA) has released on the Provider Relief Fund:

- **Program Overview:**
  The bipartisan Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, Paycheck Protection Program, and Health Care Enhancement Act provide $175 billion in relief funds to hospitals and other health care providers, including those on the front lines of the coronavirus response. A portion of these funds, under the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Provider Distribution, provide help for providers and clinicians who treat our most vulnerable populations, including low-income and minority patients. This is allocated for eligible providers that participate in state Medicaid and CHIP Programs and that did not receive a payment from the Provider Relief Fund General Allocation. The payment to each provider will be approximately 2 percent of reported gross revenue from patient care.
- **Fact Sheet:**
  HRSA released a fact sheet for Medicaid and CHIP Providers that is now available on the Provider Relief Fund website. https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/provider-relief-fund-medicaid-chip-factsheet.pdf
- **Recorded Webcast:**
  A recording of the June 25 webcast is now available at https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/for-providers/index.html.
- **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):**
  In order to better address your most important concerns, HRSA has updated their FAQ's to address common questions, including those submitted during the previous webcasts, (https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/cares-act-provider-relief-fund/faqs/index.html#medicaid-overview-eligibility). The FAQs include expanded information on eligibility, application, payment process, and more.
- **Application Instructions:**
  Medicaid and CHIP Provider Distribution Instructions and Application Form are available at hhs.gov/providerrelief. HRSA recommends downloading and reviewing these documents to help you complete the process through

the Enhanced Provider Relief Fund Payment Portal, https://cares.linkhealth.com/#/.

- **Additional Information:**
  For additional information, please call the Provider Support Line at (866) 569-3522; for TTY, dial 711. Hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central Time, Monday through Friday. Service staff members are available to provide real-time technical assistance, as well as service and payment support.

DHHS has a dedicated COVID-19 web page at:
http://dhhs.ne.gov/pages/Coronavirus.aspx

The CDC's dedicated page is available at:
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

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