

# Update: Provider Relief Fund HRSA Releases Database of Fund Recipients Attestation Deadline Extended

**HHS** extends deadline for attestation and acceptance of terms and conditions for the Provider Relief Fund Payments to 45 Days. Providers will now have 45 days (increased from 30 days), from the date they receive a payment to attest and accept the Terms and Conditions or return the funds.

- As an example, the initial 30-day deadline (5/9/20) for providers who received payment on 4/10/2020, is extended to 5/24/20.
- With the extension, not returning the payment within 45 days of receipt of payment will be viewed as acceptance of the Terms and Conditions.

### **Database Released of Provider Relief Fund Recipients**

The US Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) agency, known as the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), has released a searchable database of the providers and/or physician groups who received Tranche 1 CARES Act Relief Funds and attested to the terms and conditions as of 5/4/20, as specified below.

## **Background**

The CARES Act (3/27/20) was the largest fiscal stimulus package in US history, with a total expenditure of \$2.5 trillion. Congress authorized \$100 billion to HHS for relief grants, to hospitals and physicians enrolled in Medicare; \$50 billion was targeted largely for hospitals, (e.g., high impact areas and rural hospitals), and for payment of the uninsured treatment and testing. The remaining funds were allocated as follows:

# \$50 B General Allocation Fund:

- Tranche 1- \$30B
  - Released on 4/10/20, based on approximately 6.2% of the provider's 2019 Medicare receivables.
  - Tranche 1 Terms and Conditions must be attested to within 45 days of receipt of the funds.

### **Searchable Database**

On 5/6/20 HRSA posted a searchable dataset of providers and physician groups who had received a Tranche 1 grant and had attested to the terms and conditions for the same by 5/4/20. The dataset was posted on the CDC.Gov website, is exportable into Excel and other formats, and includes the provider name, city, state, and amount of the Tranche 1 grant.

- You can find out more at the HHS <u>Attestation Portal</u>.
- For questions contact the CARES Provider Relief hotline at (866) 569-3522.

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