



Far Northern Regional Center

Providing services and supports that allow persons with developmental disabilities to live productive and valued lives

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Dear Regional Center Service Providers:

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act includes relief funding to hospitals and other healthcare providers to support healthcare-related expenses or lost revenue attributable to COVID-19 through the Provider Relief Fund. On June 9, 2020, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), through the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), announced additional funding opportunities available to Medicaid providers. See <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>. The Department of Developmental Services has asked the Regional Center to share this information with service providers because they are eligible to receive this funding even if they do not bill Medicaid directly or have an NPI (National Provider Identifier) number.

Providers may submit their revenue information to the federal enhanced Provider Relief Fund Portal to be eligible for payment from this Fund. Please note applications are due August 3, 2020. This funding will provide relief to Medicaid providers experiencing lost revenues or increased expenses due to COVID-19. It is uncertain how much funding will be available or how funding will be allocated. However, we want providers to be aware of the funding opportunity.

Additional information, including eligibility criteria and the application process is available on the HHS [website](#).

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

<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/provider-relief-fund-medicaid-chip-factsheet.pdf>

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