Announcing: Coronavirus relief funds available for providers

The Family and Social Services Administration is pleased to announce the availability of funding to support some of our home-and community-based providers who have been impacted by the current COVID-19 pandemic. Using federal resources, we will be implementing the following opportunities:

- **Division of Aging:** Home-and community-based services waiver providers who provide adult day services under the Aged & Disabled waiver and have been forced to close or suspend services as a result of COVID-19 will be able to apply for a monthly grant to help them maintain staff and facilities during the emergency period. The grant amount will be 75% of historic payments, less any claims for services that the provider was able to render during the month.

- **Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services:** HCBS waiver and OBRA providers who provide adult day, facility habilitation, and pre-vocational habilitation services under the Family Support and Community Habilitation and Integration waivers and have been forced to close or suspend services as a result of COVID-19 will be able to apply for a monthly grant to help them maintain staff and facilities during the emergency period. The grant amount will be 75% of historic payments, less any claims for services that the provider was able to render during the month.

- **Division of Mental Health and Addiction:** Community Mental Health Centers who traditionally pay the state match portion for the Medicaid Rehabilitation Option (MRO) program will be provided funding equal to the amount leveraged when applying the enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage against that state match.

All divisions are currently finalizing details for accessing these opportunities. Additional information, including how to apply, will be available and shared with pertinent stakeholders and providers soon, as well as posted to each division’s website.

FSSA and its divisions are excited to provide these opportunities to address some of the needs within our provider network. FSSA continues to actively evaluate and pursue additional provider relief options. As these opportunities develop, additional communication and information will be provided.