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IHCP encourages Medicaid and CHIP providers to apply for *CARES Act* Provider Relief Fund by July 20, 2020

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) expects to distribute \$15 billion to eligible Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) providers as part of the *Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act* Provider Relief Fund. This fund is available for healthcare-related expenses or lost revenue attributable to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The final amount each provider receives will be determined after the provider submits an application and the necessary supporting documentation.

Before applying for the relief fund, provider applicants should first download and review the application form and instructions.

Applications must be submitted through the Enhanced Provider Relief Portal, accessible from the [CARES Provider Relief Fund](#) web page at cares.linkhealth.com. For specific instructions, refer to the following documents, web page, and portal.

Note: Applications cannot be changed once submitted, so please include all the information and documentation required by the application form.

Click on the following documents to view them:

- [Application instructions](#)
- [Application form](#)
- [Payment terms and conditions](#)

The deadline for submitting an application is July 20, 2020. The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) encourages providers to apply even if they are uncertain of eligibility.

For more information, see the [CARES Provider Relief Fund](#) web page. It includes an overview, steps for signing into the portal, and customer support contact information for any questions.



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Countdown to EVV implementation for personal care providers: T-minus 27 weeks

As announced in previous Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) publications, the *21st Century Cures Act* directs states to require providers of personal care services and home health services to use an electronic visit verification (EVV) system to document services rendered.

Providers of personal care services have until **January 1, 2021**, to implement an EVV system for documenting services.

Please note that personal care providers not in compliance with the EVV mandate by January 1, 2021, will experience claims and reimbursement issues until they follow the federal mandate for successfully recording EVV visits.

More information is available on the [Electronic Visit Verification](#) web page and in the *Electronic Visit Verification FAQs* document at in.gov/medicaid/providers. For any general questions or concerns about the EVV Program, email EVV@fssa.in.gov.



Webcast to explain the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund application process

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The Indiana Health Coverage Programs (IHCP) is encouraging providers to take advantage of the relief fund and learn more about the application process by attending the webcast, *Getting Started with the Provider Relief Fund for Medicaid and CHIP Distribution*.

The webcast, hosted by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), will be offered at these dates and times (Eastern Time):

- Tuesday, June 23, 2020, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Thursday, June 25, 2020, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Register in advance by clicking on the date you plan to attend:

- [Tuesday, June 23](#)
- [Thursday, June 25](#)

For more information about the relief fund, visit the [CARES Act Provider Relief Fund](#) web page at hhs.gov/coronavirus.



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