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Today, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced another general distribution from the Fund for providers on the frontlines of the coronavirus pandemic. The **\$20 billion** distribution is open to health care providers and groups, including emergency physicians and emergency medicine group practices, who have already received funding from the Provider Relief Fund.

Under this Tranche 3 General Distribution allocation, providers that have already received Provider Relief Fund payments may apply for additional funding that considers financial losses and changes in operating expenses caused by the coronavirus. Previously ineligible groups, such as those who began practicing in 2020 will also be invited to apply.

Providers can begin applying for funds on Monday, October 5, 2020, and we encourage you to apply early. Gottlieb will be available to assist you with the application process upon your request.

Thus far you have been eligible to receive up to 2 percent of your 2018 total revenue from the Provider Relief Fund from Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 distributions combined. HHS is now allowing your group to potentially receive additional funding. Similar to the Tranche 2 application process, you will be required to submit financial information in order to help HHS determine your or your group's share of the funds.

As part of the application process, HHS will ask you to review and confirm if your group has already received a Provider Relief Fund payment equal to approximately 2 percent of total patient revenue. If you or your group have not yet received Provider Relief Fund payments of 2 percent of total patient revenue, your group will receive a payment that, when combined with prior payments (if any) from Tranche 1 and Tranche 2, equals 2 percent of total patient revenue.

HHS will determine these payments first. With the remaining balance of the \$20 billion budget, HHS will then calculate an equitable add-on payment that considers:

- The change in your group's operating revenues from patient care;
- The change in your group's operating expenses from patient care, including expenses incurred related to COVID-19; and
- Payments you or your group have already received through prior Provider Relief Fund distributions.

**You or your group will have from October 5, 2020 through November 6, 2020 to apply for this funding.** Since HHS is allocating this funding equitably to everyone who applies, it is urging everyone to apply early and not to wait until the last day or week of the application period. Applying early will help to expedite HHS's review process and payment calculations, and ultimately accelerate the distribution of all payments.

You will be required to attest to receiving this additional funding and will have to accept the associated Terms and Conditions.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

For more information on the Provider Relief Fund, please click [here](#).