The Provider Relief Fund

The Provider Relief Fund supports healthcare providers in the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act and the Paycheck Protection Program and Health Care Enhancement Act (PPPHCE), the federal government has allocated $178 billion in payments to be distributed through the Provider Relief Fund (PRF).

Qualified providers of health care, services, and support may receive Provider Relief Fund payments for healthcare-related expenses or lost revenue due to COVID-19. Separately, the COVID-19 Uninsured Program reimburses providers for testing and treating uninsured individuals with COVID-19.

These distributions do not need to be repaid to the U.S. government, assuming providers comply with the terms and conditions.

Attest to the Payment

All Phase 1 recipients of the Provider Relief Fund payments **should have attested to receipt of the funds by now (the deadline for doing so was 90 days after distribution, which occurred in 2020).**

If you received Phase 2 or Phase 3 funds (you had to apply for these funds), you may still need to attest here: https://cares.linkhealth.com/#/

Reporting Requirements and Auditing

All recipients of Provider Relief Fund (PRF) payments must comply with the reporting requirements described in the Terms and Conditions and specified in directions issued by the Secretary.

Update: The PRF Reporting Portal is now open for recipients who are required to report during Reporting Period 1. PRF recipients may use payments for eligible expenses **and** lost revenues to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus.

HRSA will host recorded Reporting Technical Assistance Sessions to provide technical assistance on reporting requirements for PRF recipients and stakeholders:

- July 14, 2021 at 3:00 PM ET
- July 20, 2021 at 3:00 PM ET (Register here)

HRSA hosted a webinar on July 8, 2021 to give providers and stakeholders an introduction to the PRF Reporting Portal

- View Recording
- Download the slides - PDF

Getting Started

Review the updated Reporting Requirements Notice (June 11) - PDF and enter the PRF Reporting Portal. Portal registration is the first required step (if not already completed).

Reporting Resources

- Portal Tutorials:
  - Provider Relief Fund Reporting Portal Registration Tutorial
  - Provider Relief Fund Reporting Tutorial
- Updated Reporting-specific Frequently Asked Questions
- Updated Portal User Guides:
  - Registration Process
  - Submitting Reporting Information
  - Data Entry Worksheets

Guidance and Recommendations

- Be aware that you may not be able to attest the same day that you register. Give yourself a couple of days' breathing room for submission prior to deadline.
- It is imperative that whoever is doing the attestation read every word of the reporting user guide before they begin.

- The site times out quickly, so you will have to present an ID and you may have data loss if the site does time out. The best recommendation is to be prepared and schedule a time when you will have little to no interruption. Please note that you cannot save a partially complete registration. Make certain you have all the information required to register before you do so.

- Consider using the optional worksheets before you start. Also, run the required reports before you begin the process. If you are well-prepared and understand the inner workings of your practice, this process may take upwards of 20-30 minutes.

Please be advised that the process is not fast, it is not going away, and an extension of time is unlikely. Best practice would be to avoid any delay and begin the process as soon as possible. Should you encounter any issues, it is advisable to seek the guidance of a CPA.

RESOURCES:

- Stakeholder One-pager - PDF
- Stakeholder Toolkit - PDF*