HHS Now Accepting Additional Provider Relief Fund Applicants for Phase 2 General Distribution

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced an application deadline extension for the Phase 2 general distribution as part of an effort to provide financial relief to health care providers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible providers are now given another opportunity to receive additional Provider Relief payments by submitting their applications before August 28.

Examples of eligible providers include:
- Providers who did not have Medicare Fee-For-Service Revenue in 2019.
- Providers who did not receive an initial payment that totals approximately 2 percent of their annual patient revenue.
- Providers who did receive an initial payment but missed the June 3rd deadline to submit their revenue information.
- Providers who previously received Phase 1 General Distribution payment(s) but rejected and returned the funds and are now interested in reapplying.
- Providers who were ineligible for prior General Distribution funds due to a change in ownership or because they did not have Medicare fee-for-service revenue in 2019.

All eligible providers will only receive funding of up to 2 percent of their reported total revenue from patient care. Therefore, for providers who have already received a Phase 1 General Distribution payment from HHS, the previous amount received and kept will be considered when determining the eligible amount for Phase 2 General Distribution payment.

All payment recipients must accept HHS's terms and conditions and may be subject to auditing to ensure the data provided to HHS for payment calculation are accurate.

For additional questions regarding this distribution, please refer to the Phase 2 section of the HHS FAQ Document that is continually being updated. You can also reach out to the ACR at covid@rheumatology.org with questions or if you need assistance.

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