

## HRSA Begins Phase 4 Payments and Shares Payment Reconsideration Updates

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) today announced the distribution of approximately \$9 billion in Provider Relief Fund (PRF) Phase 4 payments to health care providers who have experienced revenue losses and expenses related to the COVID-19 pandemic. HRSA reports a total of \$17 billion for release in Phase 4.

Of the \$9 billion released today, HRSA states the average payment for small providers is \$58,000, \$289,000 for medium providers, and \$1.7 million for large providers. More than 69,000 providers in all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and eight territories will receive Phase 4 payments. Payments will start to be made later this week, and the Phase 4 payment methodology is available <u>here</u>.

The PRF Phase 4 payments are in addition to the \$7.5 billion in American Rescue Plan (ARP) Rural payments to providers and suppliers who serve rural Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, and Medicare beneficiaries.

HRSA will make Phase 4 awards on a rolling basis. More details on HRSA's recent update on Phase 4 roll out, status of outstanding ARP Rural Payments, and how to complete Period 1 Reporting if you were unable to report were shared in a recent <u>AHCA/NCAL update</u>.

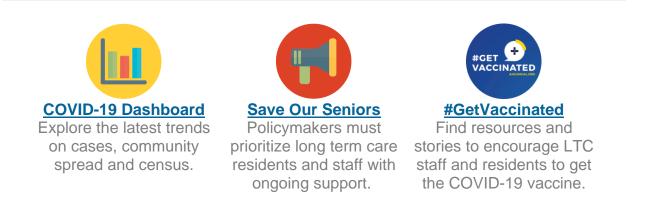
Additional HRSA resources are available, including the <u>HHS press release</u> and a <u>state-by-state breakdown</u> of Phase 4 payments. AHCA/NCAL will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.

## **Payment Reconsideration**

HRSA has also updated its <u>payment reconsideration webpage</u>. The PRF Reconsideration Process is intended for providers who believe their payment was not calculated correctly. The update provides preliminary information on how to request a Phase 4 or ARP Rural Reconsideration.

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