



Office of Budget and Management

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To: Health Care Providers of Medicaid Services
Including selected hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, private ICF/IIDs; Passport, MyCare and Ohio Home Care waiver providers; Assisted Living/RCF, community behavioral health and Medicaid home health providers.
From: Kimberly Murnieks, Director of OBM
Date: July 22, 2020
Re: Availability of Coronavirus Relief Funds

The impact of the global COVID-19 pandemic has been significant across the spectrum of Ohio's health care providers, impacting workforces and operations. Ohio's health care providers have been steadfast in their continued commitment to safety and quality for those they serve. The following communication relates to certain health care providers of the following services: hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, private ICF/IIDs, PASSPORT, MyCare, Ohio Home Care, Assisted Living/RCF, Medicaid home health services and community behavioral health.

The Federal CARES Act, signed March 27, 2020, provides federal Coronavirus Relief Funding (CRF) to states for costs incurred due to COVID-19 response. On July 13, the Ohio Controlling Board approved five actions, authorizing a total of \$279,106,887 of CRF dollars to be distributed as Provider Relief. Further, additional Controlling Board items have been scheduled for consideration on the July 27 agenda, requesting additional appropriations in the amount of \$192,106,889 for a total of \$471,213,776 from CRF funds for Provider Relief.

Table with 4 columns: Provider Type, 1st Controlling Bd, 2nd CB, and monetary values. Rows include Skilled Nursing Facility, Private ICF/IID, Hospitals, Long Term Care Providers, Behavioral Health, Subtotal, and Total.

These CRF dollars will provide assistance to providers of essential Medicaid services to offset some of the added cost of the COVID-19 pandemic and support the continuation of services through this emergency for the individuals they serve.

To calculate the distributions for providers, directors and agency leadership from ODM, ODA, OMHAS and DODD worked collaboratively to assess the impacts and needs for critical access provider classes by surveying providers and analyzing existing cost reports or other available information to arrive at a data-driven dollar amount for each group of providers to access from this fund. The methodologies are described in more detail in the FAQ document on the OBM portal. The methodology and data utilized to allocate distributions are not subject to additional review or appeal.

Next Steps for Providers to Access these Funds:

- Information can be found at <https://grants.ohio.gov/fundingopportunities.aspx>.
- Providers will need to register to receive the funds through the OBM [portal](#). Select the Provider Relief Payment section and scroll down to the bottom of the page to register.
- A webinar will be held on July 27, 2020, at 1:30 PM to review the use of the portal and to answer questions. All the department directors or designees will be available to answer questions. The webinar will be taped and made available for later viewing.
 - Register for the webinar at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6837770862595581966>
 - Please limit webinar registration for your organization to one phone number, so we can accommodate everyone who wants to participate in the live webinar.
- Additional contact information: crfprovider@obm.ohio.gov.

As a final note, this is an unprecedented distribution of funds to a very large number of providers and organizations. Please be assured that we are working to distribute the funds as quickly as possible but are continuing to build the functionality of the portal. It will take several weeks to achieve a timely turnaround, so we ask for your patience during this start up period.