



# The CARES ACT

## Provider Relief Deposit Attestation Portal is LIVE

### Purpose

To inform Clients that the CARES Act Provider Relief Fund Attestation Portal is live. The CARES Act direct deposit attestation portal is <https://www.hhs.gov/provider-relief/index.html>.

### Background

These are payments, not loans, to healthcare providers and will NOT need to be repaid.

- The CARES Act provides \$100 billion in relief funds to hospitals and other healthcare providers on the front lines of the coronavirus response.
- The first \$30 billion of the relief fund was distributed with payments arriving via direct deposit beginning April 10, 2020 – to eligible providers throughout the American healthcare system.

### Details

Providers who have been allocated a payment from the initial \$30 billion general distribution must sign an attestation confirming receipt of the funds and agree to the terms and conditions within 30 days of payment.

### Please note:

- HHS' payment of this initial tranche of funds is conditioned on the healthcare provider's acceptance of the [Terms and Conditions pdf](#), which acceptance must occur within 30 days of receipt of payment.
- Not returning the payment within 30 days of receipt will be viewed as acceptance of the Terms and Conditions, the provider must do the following: contact HHS within 30 days of receipt of payment and then remit the full payment to HHS as instructed.

### Balance Billing Restriction

The Administration is committed to ensuring that Americans are protected against financial obstacles that might prevent them from getting the testing and treatment they need from COVID-19.

- As announced in early April, a portion of the \$100 billion Provider Relief Fund will be used to reimburse healthcare providers, at Medicare rates, for COVID-related treatment of the uninsured.
- The Families First Coronavirus Response Act requires private insurers to cover an insurance plan member's cost-sharing payments for COVID-19 testing.

### Action Items:

1. Review The CARES Act Provider Relief Fund [Website](#), along with the [Terms and Conditions PDF](#);
2. Make a determination within 30 days of receipt of funds to accept the funds or return the funds to HHS.

3. The CARES Act Provider Relief Fund [Payment Attestation Portal](#) will guide providers through the attestation process to accept or reject the funds.